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LEWISTON, MAINE

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

Search Committee Announces Endorsement Of Final Presidential Candidate

Dr. Elaine Hansen, Provost And Professor Of English At
Haverford, Could Become Bates' First Female President

by JASON HIRSCHHORN
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, November 29, the Bates College Presidential Search Committee announced that it is unanimously endorsing Dr. Elaine Hansen as Bates' seventh President. If the Board of Trustees approves Hansen's candidacy in January, she would begin her tenure in July, 2002 as Bates' first female President. Hansen, who will be on campus to meet with students, faculty and staff on Friday, December 7, is currently the Provost and a Professor of English at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania.

In an email sent to the entire Bates campus community Karen A. Harris and James F. Orr III, Co-Chairs of the Presidential Search Committee stated, "As the finalist candidate, Dr. Hansen is looking forward to meeting with members of all groups on campus throughout the day. She is eager to receive questions from our community and welcomes the opportunity to learn your views about Bates College."

Nine months ago the search committee was charged with recommending either a final candidate or finalist candidates to The Board of Trustees. One of the Faculty representatives on the committee, Professor of French, Kirk Read, said, "It is sort of out of the hands of the committee

development Committee and the Professional Development Committee. Hansen also appears to have been active in the Campaign for Haverford, a \$200 million campaign to increase Haverford's endowment and funding. Hansen's academic research focuses on motherhood in contemporary fiction, feminist literary theory and women in medieval writings.

She has published numerous books, including her newest work, "Mother Without Child: Contemporary Fiction and The Crisis of Motherhood" (University of California Press, 1997). This work examines stories of fictional mothers who have either lost, abandoned or murdered their children. Hansen explores the meaning of motherhood by exploring the works of Margaret Atwood, Marge Piercy, Louise Erdrich, Michael Dorris and Fay Weldon.

Hansen is a past president of the Society for Feminist Medieval Scholarship and a member of the Modern Language Association, the Medieval Academy, the New Chaucer Society and the National Women's Studies Association. Hansen's current role as Provost of Haverford College is similar to the role Jill Reich plays at Bates as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty.

Graham Veysey, one of the two students on the search committee said, "Like the entire search committee, Tahsin [Tahsin Alam, the other student representative] and I are extremely pleased with Dr. Hansen. She is a very smart person and tremendously qualified for all facets of the Bates presidency."

Bates' current President, Donald Harward, who has served Bates for the past thirteen years, will be retiring this June. "I'm very pleased," Harward said of the endorsement by the search committee for Hansen. "She was on campus for some projects in 1996, so I do know her. I think it's a superb recommendation and I think her academic experience and her experience at Haverford are quite translatable to Bates in positive ways." Harward said that he is confident that the Trustees will discuss with Hansen her fund raising responsibilities, should they approve her candidacy. "Given her experience and her background I think she will excel at fund raising."

When the Presidential Search Committee was formed nine months ago, with input from students, faculty, staff and the help of an Educational Recruiting Consulting Firm, A.T. Kearney, they outlined the qualifications that Bates' next Presi-

dent should embody. Those qualifications were:

"The search process takes for granted that the College's next leader, its seventh President, will have managerial acumen and skills. Its hope is to find a person who will confidently embody these capacities of mind and character:

- * The ability to provide strong intellectual leadership and vision to the College, to nurture academic interests, and to act on a deep commitment to excellence in the liberal arts educational experience;

- * A commitment to openness, accessibility, and consensus building, and to the principles of diversity, community and egalitarianism;

- * The energy and capacity to raise significantly the level of private, alumni, corporate, foundation and other forms of financial support in order to achieve Bates' long-term goals;

- * The ability to raise Bates' national profile and celebrate publicly its many strengths through clear and enthusiastic communication to both internal and external constituencies;

- * A talent for caring, as an element of an ethical presence, combined with a sense of humor.

Adam Garcia, the Executive Assistant to the search committee, told the *The Student*, "She's still a candidate and the confidentiality is still in place so I can't comment too much, but she seems to be a person who would fit in very well at Bates. We have to make sure that this pro-



Elaine Hansen, the nominee for Bates College President.

cess stays on track and competitive with other searches, but yes, she is the committee's only finalist candidate." Garcia said he could not comment on her direct fund-raising experience, but did say that the qualifications set out by the committee outlined the need for fund raising and so the committee obviously feels that she embodies these qualifications.

The President of the College reports to a bicameral board consisting of the President, fifteen Fellows who serve until a mandatory retirement age of 70 years, and not more than 25 Overseers, elected for five-year terms. The Alumni Association of Bates College nominates two of five members elected annually to the Board of Overseers. Currently, reporting to the President are five Vice Presidents — Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Vice President for Asset Management and Treasurer, Vice President for Budgeting and Accounting, Vice President for External and Alumni Affairs, and the Vice President for Development — and three Deans — The Dean of Students, Dean of the College and Dean of Admissions.

Bates Hosts Independent Film Premiere

by KATIE BURKE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It is not often that Bates College is the site of a movie premiere, but November 26 Bates College had that distinction. On Monday November 26, the directors of the independent film "Lift", hosted the Maine premiere of their movie, which New York Times film critic Elvis Mitchell called, "A lively and thoughtful attack on the perfidious materialism that has always prowled the country's inner cities like a hungry cat, preying on acquisitive young African-Americans."

"Lift" is the second film directed by this successful team of DeMane Davis and Khari Streeter, and has been well-received at festivals from Sundance to Acapulco.

Charles Nero, Bates professor of Rhetoric, saw the film at The International Black Film Festival, and said it "truly lifted" him. Inspired, he sought the financial backing and support of the College in the screening of this event. In addition to the showing, Davis and Streeter stayed to speak with students on Tuesday about everything from their inspirations as filmmakers to the major themes of the movie to filmmaking as an art.

Davis, a Roxbury, Massachusetts, native, and Streeter, born in D.C. but raised in Cambridge, met while working at an advertising agency in Boston. As Streeter notes, "advertising is film-

esque; it involves the concepts and tools used in filmmaking". Davis, a lifelong writer, and Streeter, a skilled artist, decided to try their hand filmmaking. Using funding from "everyone from

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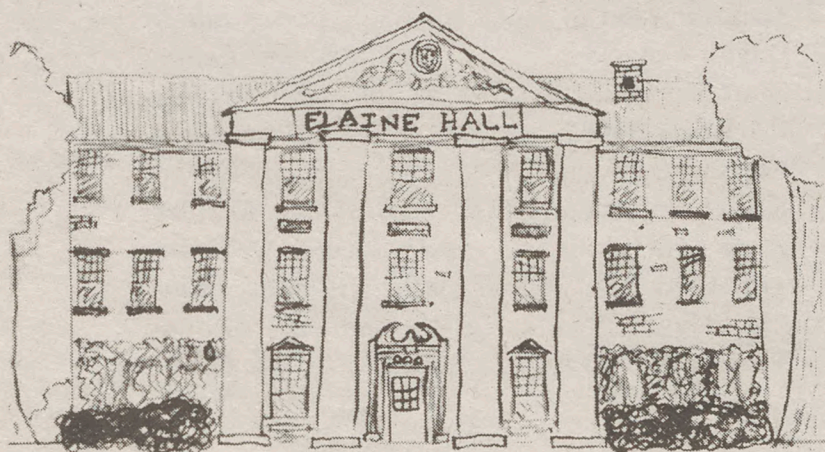
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now," at the Bates Faculty meeting on Monday, December 3. He said Hansen "is a spectacular candidate."

No public information on Hansen or her qualifications has been released to Bates students, but *The Student* has learned through the Haverford website that Hansen graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1969, received her Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota and her Ph.D. from the University of Washington. She joined Haverford's faculty in 1980 as a Professor of English. Haverford is a small liberal-arts college of 1100 students about ten miles from Philadelphia. Other interesting notables about Haverford include its Quaker roots and the fact that the College has an honor code which students affirm each year.

In her work as Provost, Hansen has served on various committees, including the College long-range planning committee, the Curriculum De-

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Editorials

Searching For An Explanation

This past Thursday, an email was sent to the entire Bates Community by the Presidential Search Committee which informed us that the Committee had determined its "finalist candidate" for the next Bates College President. Why the committee chose to use the words "finalist" and "candidate" is unclear, but may be a cause for concern.

When one thinks of finalists in the context of hirings, a small group of selected applicants comes to mind. When one thinks of a candidate, again, one person out of a pair or select handful of people vying for the same position is the most probable image.

The Presidential Search Committee has produced neither a "finalist" nor a "candidate"—at least not in the commonly understood meaning of either word. In normal parlance, a "finalist candidate," in the way the Committee intends the term to be understood, is called a "nominee"—and indeed, that is what Elaine T. Hansen is. She and she alone has been announced as someone pursuing the position of the President of Bates College and therefore, she and she alone is the person who the Community has the chance to give feedback on.

When the Presidential Search Committee was established last year, there were sweeping promises of active student consultation. When the editors of *The Bates Student* heard this, we, like many others, inferred that this meant more than simply being represented on the Committee by two people who were prevented by the gag of confidentiality from discussing the proceedings and progress of the search with their fellow students. It would appear our assumption was wrong. Dr. Hansen still must pass a vote of the trustees, but this vote will be secret and out of the hands of both the student body and the faculty. She will meet with students in some capacity, but this meeting will have little significance since there is nobody to compare her to and no alternative to be considered.

The final say in who was nominated, and who is selected, has always rested with the Presidential Search Committee and the Board of Trustees. However, it does not seem unreasonable to give the community a chance to meet two or three candidates and then pass on reactions and opinions for the Committee to at least take into account.

Sadly, it is too late for this now. While Dr. Hansen may or may not be a perfectly suited nominee, students and faculty have a right to feel disenfranchised. Further, we have the right to feel misled by the Administration and the Committee.

WRC Oversight Snagged Already

When the Women's Resource Center Oversight Bill was considered and approved on October 8, the RA voted into existence an oversight committee whose job it was to monitor the progress of the Women's Resource Center so that an informed review could take place at the end of Winter Semester.

The Center had been created with the best of intentions but had failed to prove itself even marginally functional in its first year of existence. Concern arose as to how an unofficial club that had not sought approval by the Extracurricular and Residential Life Committee (EARL) could be occupying RA space in 45 Campus Avenue while faltering to make proper use of it. The new oversight committee was created to set up a series of guidelines for the Women's Resource Center (WRC) to follow with both the intent of helping to guide the Center towards a more successful existence and the purpose of creating a concrete set of expectations by which the Center could later be judged.

Crucial to the completion of both goals was an explicit provision of the RA bill which demanded that the Committee return to the Assembly within five weeks to present the set of guidelines and expectations they had assembled. This would give a chance for the RA to stay informed; it would give a chance for the RA to vote on the measures, thus giving them the weight of the entire body, and; it would give the WRC adequate time to meet the expectations demanded of them.

More than eight weeks have passed and still no word has been heard from the Oversight Committee, not even a notification of a delay. In the mean time, the WRC has not lived up to many of even its most recent round of promises. Furthermore, reports have surfaced stating that they have waffled on multiple occasions as to under which domain they finally want their organization to exist. A college office would be responsible to the Administration. A student organization would have to answer to the RA and to EARL. As they exist now, the WRC has to answer to nobody. While this might be convenient for them, it is hardly appropriate for the RA to tolerate the sponsorship of such a club.

It was these problems the WRC Oversight Committee was created to deal with. However, without a set of firm guidelines, it is impossible to hold anyone accountable. In addition, if and when this report is filed in January, the Center will have two less months to work to meet the demands. The result may be a tainted review process and a repeat of the chaos of this year's failed review. A year and a fully functional bill will have been wasted.

From The Editor's Desk

Before we say anything relevant to classes, or this issue of the paper, or thesis, we thought it was important to point out that there STILL isn't any snow on the ground. In case you haven't noticed it, we're big fans of the weather here in the newsroom. The running joke is that no matter how hard the two of us try, some reference to the weather always makes it into these letters. That said, we'd like to think that our prolonged warm weather has had something to do with the close attention that we've given to the meteorological events of the past few months. Everyone likes acknowledgement, and we'd like to think the lack of snow and cold weather is something of a thank you for the attention we've given to who-or-what-ever controls these things. You're welcome.

Unfortunately, there are lots of very important things that all of us are caught up with that might have taken your attention away from how nice it is outside. We've heard rumors that classes end this week, but we don't believe it. September was, what, yesterday, right? For seniors with thesis this semester, those few days that remain before deadlines tend to become *very long* days. Reading week may or may not be a myth, but who really cares? If it gives us just a little more time to write those papers that should have been written months ago, we'll take it. And finally, exams. It seems the general trend is moving towards take homes and alternative finals – we'll take that too. There is a lot to be said for demonstrating what you do know, as opposed to what you don't. Above all else, remember that this is College, and College is fun.

If you haven't yet seen the front page of this issue, you may be surprised to learn that President Harward's successor has been all but chosen. Dr. Elaine Hansen will be on campus this Friday to meet with the community that, if the search committee's recommendation is upheld, she will be leading in just a few short months. Make an effort to meet her, to ask questions of her, and to learn what she envisions for the future of Bates. We must all be confident in her appointment.

Good luck with exams, and remember that this is both work and fun. We tend to think more fun than work. Take care – we'll see you in January.

Thanks for reading,

Dan and Will

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Live Free Or Die

The Rise Of The Right (At Bates!)

by JAY SURDUKOWSKI
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The besotted, complacent, decadent boob that is Bates leftist political correct discourse has been dragged from the couch and made to stand up straight. The Student editorial page and the *John Galt Press* have given the campus a blast from lands rightward (as well as places libertarian). Though I am a lefty on many issues, I am stunned by the renaissance of the right that has blossomed on the campus in the last semester. As a staunch and outspoken independent, I believe I would be dishonest if I did not write on some remarkable intellectual efforts that have transpired in our midst, efforts that fly in the face of the College's liberal-radical status quo. The right-wing/libertarian movement at Bates has just made things a whole lot more interesting around here...

The Student Forum Section Does a 180

A freshman wrote to the Daily Jolt recently:
To the JGP staff:

I'm not sure if any of you care but have you noticed that The Bates Student's opinion section is somewhat conservative? At least, as a first year, that's what I've noticed. It's not like only the Liberals are getting their voices heard. And it seems like the editor is fairly anti-left...

This is an astute observation. James Peyster's titles alone speak to his rightward inclination: "A Credit to Our Nation" (in praise of President George Bush), "A Non-Existent Majority: How the Left Mischaracterizes Dissent in America," and "Hegemonic Neglect" (on the paradox of U.S. intervention/non-intervention).

Not only has Peyster written his own columns and responses to liberal letters to the editor, but he has also penned staff editorials. One was in favor of a robust Veteran's Day Celebration (anathema to a generally anti-military school), and an editorial most critical of the only sizable war protest this year on the campus.

Peyster's project is so dramatic because he has in effect sought to unmake, block by block, the palace of radical left writings erected by his prolific predecessor Christine Hopkins, who graduated in December of 2000. The last New Year ushered in a Republican President and a conservative Forum Page editor.

John Galt Press Rising

The *John Galt Press*, which started as a reactionary and whiny rightist/libertarian rag has matured into a true forum for debate: left, libertarian and conservative. Witness the last and greatest issue thus far: The Kyoto protocol was debated, the homo-hating practices of the Red Cross exposed, and white-WASPishness was knocked about. The encroaching "pall of orthodoxy" in campus speech was addressed, porn/art-making at Bates was revealed, and low blows about Maine Representative Stavros Mendros from *Bates Student* columnists were refuted. A truly interesting and mixed bag indeed. I used to shrug off the *Galt* as being an elitist gaggle that sounded as annoying as the hippiecrits they now effectively challenge. They have moved beyond just saying that Bates crushes the right to actually standing up for conservative and libertarian views that are not so common. The casting aside of the anonymity has been a good metaphor. The Galties no longer grovel behind silly pseudonyms that annoyed the fuck out of people. They are proud of their views, and becoming more confident in their forum. They are living up to the pluck, courage, and drive of their namesake: John Galt.

'But, I Am a Liberal, What Do I Do with All This Conservative-Libertarian Provocation?'

Since so many people have a deep aversion

to the *Galt* and Peyster's widely read writings, and would probably have a question like the one above in their minds, I propose a guide for appreciating the respective projects. I implore folks to give them a chance. What follows are some helpful hints for reckoning with the divergent views, challenging them when appropriate, and advancing the caliber of Bates political discourse and even the life of friendships.

1. It's Not Just a Conservative Cacophony

Slowly but surely, folks of the leftist persuasion are submitting and getting published in the *Galt*. Though I worry if I have to even make this statement. I would hope reasonable Batesies, like the great left-leaning Professor William Corlett, will engage and debate with those who have views starkly different from their own. But if you need the assurances, if conservative/libertarian articles will make your dreams fall out or your SUV break-down, rest assured, some (not many quite yet) but some bright people that still send Holiday Greetings to Uncle Karl (Marx that is) are submitting and getting published. If you give the *Galt* a chance and find it too conservative or libertarian for your blood, see number 3.

The *Bates Student* is even more open to the left, in that they will publish almost anything. The *Galt* is stricter about folks backing up their opinions with sound argument. Though Peyster has a lot of power in the paper, and will probably rebut anything silly folks write, he is most excited to publish contributions from other points on the political spectrum.

2. Put Personalities Aside

You may think Dan Dargon of the *John Galt Press* (a.k.a. Skeletor) is an unpleasant fellow, but don't dismiss what he has to say so easily. Judge his words. There's plenty of time to be nasty in other contexts if that's your tired game, but have respect for someone that will be honest about controversial beliefs.

James Peyster may have cut-apart your friend's arguments in a recent article, and this may make you sad, but don't make war on him personally by ogling him at dinner with all attendant nastiness. Now, what if you don't like the words? See next item.

3. Write-back/fight back

If James or the *Galt* is not sitting well with you, respond. Don't let them take your stuffed animal

away: your support for the environment or affirmative action. In many cases they will be deliberately provocative. They want to engage the minds of complacent Batesies. They'll toss in some sex and hippie bashing to peek interest. Affirmative action for skinny guys from New Hampshire who can't get some (oh too true) or quoting hippie silliness in all its irrational glory touch-off angst and guarantee readers. Sometimes it is crassly done, but what they write is usually well crafted and reasoned. At least it gets the brain going. If you are steamed, dish it back. Former Women's Action Coalition leader Laura Shadle, who now works in Admissions, went on the war path in a recent letter to the editor in the *Galt*. John Hamlin defended rap in another communication, and Jamal bit for blood with his incendiary article published in the *Galt* entitled: "Why I Hate White People." Peyster has squared off with Smadar Bakovic and Andrea Irwin, and both have been intriguing exchanges read closely by many from what I can tell.

4. The *Galt* is not The Bates Student

In form and mission, the *Galt* and the *Student* are fundamentally different. The *Galt* is not a place for news, but rather opinion. Too often I have heard people say: 'but they are so biased.' Well, no shit. They are an opinion paper, not an objective source of news. I think that there is certainly room for both James and the *Galt*. Between the two projects, the College has been jarred into

a state of healthy debate to a point unseen in some time.

5. Feel Good About Feeling Angry

If James or the *Galt* are getting your goat, feel good about it. It's like bleeding letting you know that you are alive. If they irk you, they have pricked something, and precious blood is coming out. They are sticking at something you love. Sometimes we don't know what is valued until it is threatened. Both Peyster's writings and the *Galt* act as a counterpoint for opinion making. Scrutinizing what they say and gauging one's reaction can arrive at self-clarification on world-views. Sometimes it won't be pretty. The liberal discourse seeps deep into the bones and though it may be fashionable to be against X, Y, and Z, there may not be much shoring up the intuitive (or socially constructed) knee-jerk reactions.

6. Set Personalities Aside, Yes, But If You Can Suffer It, Give James and the Galties a Chance As People

Even though I have urged in number 1 that personalities should be set aside, people that make the *Galt* tick and James Peyster are actually friendly and fascinating. Believe it or not, the folks in the *Galt* who toil week after week without an office, a salary, or decades of history behind them, are engaging characters worth getting to know, even if you reject most of what might emanate from their pens.

What is your time at the College if it is not spent knowing, really knowing, the most engaging folks that live and learn here for four years. These are people of passion. Engage them in argument, and consider also, friendship.

Take Rob Fallon, of the *Galt* for instance. He is quite a mild-mannered, friendly guy. He gives his all to being a JA and a thoughtful RA member. He also rocks with Bates' newest band and plays with the acclaimed Water Polo team. He is not a leering, nerve-searing Pat Buchanan type. He even informed me that he likes puppy dogs and ice cream—

Catherine Yu, also of the *Galt*, hales from Japan where her parents emigrated from Taiwan. A lover of academics, Catherine also debates and has a fondness for reading. Tom Robbins' *Skinny Legs and All*, Julian Barnes' *Flaubert's Parrot*, Kurt Vonnegut Jr's *Breakfast of Champions*, Matt Groening's *Bart Simpson's Guide to Life*, year-books, and the dictionary are among her many favorites. Her taste in food and music is equally eclectic. She's a big fan of Celtic music in general as well as Lisa Ono (Latin musician), Toku (Japanese jazz vocalist/ trumpet player), Bare Naked Ladies, REM, Billy Joel, Southern AllStars (Japanese pop group), Dave Matthews Band, and U2. She is adamant that "Chinese food is number one!" and that there is much to be found in American breakfast cereals, "there's so much opportunity for exploration in Commons!" she related in an e-mail. She is certainly not Lynne Cheney out to eat liberals for breakfast, just Cocoa Puffs, Rice Crispies, and the like, same as we all eat.

James Peyster is first and foremost a sports-

junkie. He may seem like a politico, but the man wants to spend the rest of his days being a sports-writer by day and catching all the games by night. He is also a Bates Trivial Pursuit champion and spends lots of time with his friends and girlfriend, whom he adores. With an affinity for junk food and cream soda, he has the cholesterol levels of Middle

America. Clearly he 'aint no Pat Robertson proselytizing politics and religion in ways most curious.

I hope these tiny little cameos give you an idea that there are people behind the bylines you may be akin to loathing.

Well, that concludes my batch of respectfully submitted pointers. Happy reading, thinking, and challenging—

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Smokey Room Talk

The Political Landscape Of America At War

by NICK & MATT PANGALLO
OPINION COLUMNISTS

"Hello, is Dominick there?" I had just returned to Perth after touring the south-eastern part of Australia and hadn't talked with my brother for two weeks. The voice on the other end of the line guffawed: yet again, Dominick's Texan room-mate.

"Hey there, pardner! Is this the twin ag'in?"

"Yeah, could you get Dominick?"

"Where've you been at, pardner?"

"Touring Australia. You know — Sydney, Melbourne, all that."

"Sydney and Melbourne, eh?" he chuckled. "Which of them's the capital ag'in? Sydney, right?"

"Canberra. You idiot."

He chuckled again, "Hang on a sec, pardner. Here's your bro."

There was a pause and then Dominick came on the line, "Hey, sorry about that. I tried to get to the phone before him but he bit my hand and dove over the television. How's the Land of Oz?"

"Great. Refreshing to travel around and get away from the madness of the world for a while."

"Now let me get this straight, you were in Canberra for their federal election, weren't you?"

"Yup."

"So what was it like? I understand John Howard's party stayed in power?"

"Actually, this election is remarkably relevant for Americans, because it's the first major federal election since the start of the war. Because of that, the war became the central issue in almost all of the campaigning. John Howard's conservative Liberal Party — similar to the Republican Party — played the race card just before election day and managed to scare a lot of voters into returning the incumbent government to office. However, and this is the interesting part, Kim Beazley's liberal Labor Party — similar to the Democratic Party — actually agreed with the Liberals' pro-war position. Because of that, lots of anti-war Labor Party voters fled the party and voted for minor parties like the Socialists, the Greens, and the Democrats. On the other side of the spectrum, all of the radical right-wing minor parties witnessed a drop in votes because all of the hawks voted for the Liberal Party," I took a deep breath.

"Slow down, Dundee. What's that got to do with America?" he asked.

"Well, two things, actually. First of all, with all this talk of bipartisanship in Congress, couldn't it be possible that what happened to the Labor Party here could happen to the Democrats in 2002?"

"Bipartisanship? Ha! You could smell the discord in the air way back in September when they were discussing airline bailouts. No, if Bush's popularity holds through next year it could do good things for Republicans in federal elections. If the President decides to campaign for his party. I don't see good things for challengers in general. But state elections are a whole other ball of wax — different issues influencing the voting. It could be better for the Democrats on the state level. At least, that's what Election 2001 seemed to demonstrate. And the second thing?"

I shrugged, "The minor parties. In the past, major events like wars and economic disasters have always been prime breeding grounds for changes in party power. The War of 1812, the Civil War, the Great Depression. All changed

the two Big Parties. Do you think the Greens or the Reform Party might be able to catapult their numbers by going more dove than the Dems?"

"I doubt it. The Green Party was just granted national recognition a couple of weeks ago. And Maine will be host to the first Green gubernatorial primary in 2002, between Jonathan Carter and Steven Farsaci. But I don't think the war will provide an 'in' for a third party to capture as big a slice of the pie as the Democrats and Republi-

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cans. The two parties have demonstrated a unity of commitment, or at least the show of unity, in the past, and it hasn't given rise to a third party."

"Gotcha. Well, anyway, that's the skinny here in the land of Sun and Surf. I hear things in Afghanistan have changed a bit. Do you trust the Northern Alliance to cooperate with the UN in re-building Afghanistan? I mean, they didn't stay out of Kabul when we told them to." I could hear him sigh, deep in thought.

"It's a messy situation and I'm not going to pretend to be a specialist in international relations. Let me just say that my opinion is there ought to be a democratically elected government, with a parliament and a prime minister, in Afghanistan. But, that means the different ethnic tribes will form their own parties, and in no time at all, they party in power would be oppressing the minorities. The UN needs to move in and facilitate a transitional government. But it's more than just a change of government that's needed — there has to be a change in public philosophy, too."

"What about Omar and Bin Laden's threats to destroy America with nuclear or chemical weapons. How's Congress and the West Wing Warrior taking that? I mean, should I be worried?" I asked.

"No. Those are the rantings of desperate, dogged criminals. They claim they have nuclear weapons and will only use them in self-defense. They claim their war is on America's government, and not her people. If you ask me, these guys know that their number is up and they're trying to save their asses like the cowards they are." "It's quite amazing how much our world has changed and how quickly." "I know what you mean," Dominick said. "Did you hear that Massachusetts has kicked the private airport security company Argenbright out of the state? They're the one's facing criminal charges in a number of other states. It's a good thing we're federalizing airport security. With companies like Argenbright, there was just too much at risk. Though their Republican cronies did try to stick up for them in Congress. Idiots."

"You know, I met these two German guys in a hostel in Sydney. When I told them I was American they asked if I was in Australia on refugee-status. And the thing is, they weren't joking.

Everywhere I go, when people hear I'm a Yank, they all make the same observation: not a lot of Americans travelling these days."

"That's not necessarily true. There's been a slight slump in international travel from the States, but only to nations that the State Department has issued warnings on."

"Still, I can tell you from first-hand experience, we've got a long way to go to convince the rest of the world," I answered.

"To convince them we're justified in the war?"

I shook my head. "To convince them that America will not be frightened. And that will take more than bunker-busting bombs and air-dropped ration packets."

In the background I could hear the Texan bellow, "Yeee-haw! Dominick! I got the CNN on! Y'all want to take a look-see here! England sent one-hundred of them Royal Marines to the airport at Bagram!"

Dominick sighed again. "Well, the plus side of this is he's not watching South Park anymore."

"Ah yes," I agreed, "our nation matures yet again. Pearl Harbor, Watergate, and September 11, 2001. Slowly, painfully, but finally yet again maturing."

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Yes, Reading IS Allowed!: The True Purpose Of Reading Week

by TIM CASTOR
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Well boys and girls, it is finally that time of year again (no, I am not talking about a certain columnist's special day...although any birthday cards, tube socks, flame-throwers, or chicken patties that are sent to me will be much appreciated). I am talking about that wonderful moment during the course of the semester in which one is able to temporarily abandon the burdens of schoolwork and do a little leisurely reading. Reading week at Bates College is a really special occasion, for when else can one sit down on the ground of a cold, muddy quad and get engrossed in the latest issue of Good Housekeeping? The only problem that surrounds reading week is that seemingly no one in the Bates community is apprised of its true purpose.

When I was first accepted to Bates College many a fortnight ago (I think every person should make a concerted effort to incorporate the word "fortnight" into every conversation he or she has), I immediately noticed that the college's schedule called for a week that was to be devoted solely to reading. Thus, before I headed off to Bates for the first time, I made sure to pack all of my Highlights magazines, a copy of Green Eggs and Ham, and, most importantly, my Fabio novels. Throughout my first semester at Bates, I could not help but think ahead to the week in December in which I would finally be able to ask someone to read me a bedtime story without him or her giving me that "I am going to back away from you slowly and pretend not to be totally disturbed by what you just said, even though I think you are a complete psychopath who should be lumped in a category with Ted Bundy, Richard Simmons, Pee Wee Herman, and the person who responds to the napkin board" look. I was so incredibly excited about this upcoming occasion, that, on the day prior to reading week, I was compelled to travel

to Wal-Mart (unfortunately at that time, there was only a life-size Keebler elf standing outside of the store) and purchase seventy-four scratch-and-sniff bookmarks.

On the Monday morning of reading week, I arose very early, grabbed my copy of Green Eggs and Ham, and ran, oh man I ran to the can (note to self: do not color eggs with green magic marker and insert them into mouth, for it will mess said self up). After I finished doing my business in the little boys room, I quickly headed out to find a spot on the quad where I could read, for I knew that the small area on the quad that was not blanketed with dog feces would probably be a popular location (Only in college can one make two unrelated references to excrement in a single paragraph and it not seem out of place...or maybe I am the

only one who has been desensitized to feces by the exemplary comedic work of Mr. Hankey the Christmas poo). To my utter surprise, I arrived at the quad to find that not a single person was around, let alone a person reading a Fabio novel. Confused, I ran to the nearest street corner, in the hopes of finding a friendly, whistling policeman, who would most surely inform me as to why no one was reading on the quad.

Although I was unable to locate such a policeman (Dunkin' Donuts was offering its "1.03 donuts for the price of one" sale at that time) I did run into a few random Batesies, who appeared to be headed toward Dana Chemistry Hall. Before I shared my concerns with them I asked these individuals why they were heading to Dana, for there were no Hardy Boy or Nancy Drew books located in that building. After giving me the abridged version of "the look," they explained to me that they were simply going to class, for their professors still had more material to cover before the final exam. Upon hearing this news, I could not help but lie down on the ground and weep, as my only opportunity to catch up on my reading of Dr. Seuss

had vanished more quickly than one of the game room's ping pong balls (maybe the college should simply replace the current vending machines with ping pong ball dispensers). It seemed as if this so-called "reading week" was merely a lie, a marketing scheme by the admissions office designed to attract more experienced sleuths or hat-wearing cats to Bates.

As I spoke with more and more Bates students about the nature of reading week, I became increasingly unnerved. Along with being obligated to attend classes (how dare professors want us to acquire more knowledge), I learned that the only activity that is not undertaken during reading week is reading. While I did not initially believe that this could possibly be the case, my experiences over the past

few years have made me realize that this statement is right on the money (no really, I have seen this statement written on George Washington's head). When you think about it, it is really quite amazing that, during a week that is specifically named after the practice of reading, virtually every activity under the sun and moon (I am not referring to the celestial body) occurs except reading. It is really unfortunate that the nature of reading week is such that conversations like this have to take place:

Batesie (talking on the phone with her Mom): "This new Harry Potter book you just sent me looks really interesting. I mean, I have no idea what the hell the story is about but the fact that it came with a matching mug and pencil must mean that it is pretty freakin' cool."

Mom: "I knew you would like it. Are you going to start reading it this week?"

Batesie: "I normally would Mom but this week is reading week, so I have to decide whether I want to write seven term papers, attend all of my 8 a.m.

classes, clean my room, do some laundry, catch up on As the World Turns, play walleyball, do a little canoeing on the Puddle, cut my toenails, or make a bunt cake. There is no time for reading during reading week."

Due to the fact that this is my second-to-last reading week in my Bates College career, I refuse

to sit back and allow the members of the Bates community to continue to deceive themselves into believing that reading has no place during reading week. Thus, if over the course of the next week you happen to see a man dressed up as a Fabio novel shouting obscenities through a megaphone, do not be afraid, for he is simply trying to educate you about the true purpose of reading week. If, on the other hand, you do not happen

to run into such a character, realize that he is probably eating in the Den, as that is the only way that a Fabio novel can become full of such cheese.

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Life In My Reality

The Great Exchange

by MATT SCHERZER
HUMOR COLUMNIST

When I was in elementary school, my friends asked me about my plans for December break. I exclaimed with a combustion of enthusiasm, "THE GREAT EXCHANGE!" Only the screams of "ICE CREAM" on a brutally hot New England summer day could equal the happiness of that passionate cry. However, my ecstatic pronouncement was met with blank stares. "The Great Exchange," they inquired, "what's that?"

It turns out that my family has its own spin on the holidays, stretching back three generations to the Roosevelt administration. The premise for this event sounds simple enough: you pick a name during Thanksgiving and buy gifts for the chosen one. However, the Great Exchange is riddled with scandal, intrigue and strange happenings. The rules for participation are a mini-scandal in itself. Even if I am engaged to the love-of-my-life, until we get married, she is excluded from this event. I can't tell you how many unassuming dates have cracked under the pressure of this evil tempting scheme and were swindled to marry into our crazy family. My own parents were married November 18th so that my father would not have to spend the holidays alone. In this article, I will focus upon the three pivotal events in Great Exchange history.

One year, instead of picking names at Thanksgiving, my mom decided to lessen the

stress by randomly matching relatives up for the gift-giving extravaganza. Picture George's mom from Seinfeld and listen to her squeaky voice that tingles your soul. Now, multiply her by twenty other rancorous adults, the number of people involved in the festivities that year. Let's just say that after the Great Jewish uproar of '97 (complaints following the change), my mom's method for choosing names was suddenly overhauled.

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Our debates range from the ridiculous to the academic. One year we had a philosophical hodge-podge. Strangely enough, this Jewish family had a battle over a Santa Claus hat. From the inception of the Great Exchange, this has been the traditional garb of the gift distributor. Should this hat be permitted? Does this emblem mock traditional Jewish values? Some argued that Santa is no more Christian than he is Jewish; he is a fig-

urehead for giving, who accurately represents a main tenet of many faiths. Others disagreed. So, we decide to remove the hat from the proceedings, replacing it with a Jewish alternative. The winning homemade design, a glittery Hanukkah menorah hat with white painted candles, came from our creatively fanatical cousin Lissy.

The third major happening spread like wildfire to relatives all across the world. My Uncle Bob meticulously unraveled one of his smaller gifts. He stared at it for a few minutes. Puzzled, he asked, "What is this?"

"I think it's a swimming towel," my Aunt Joanie suggested. He waved the small object so everyone could see the 1-foot by 1-foot super absorbent cloth. Soon comments about Uncle Bob's "package" and his next shower at the gym were "tactfully" presented like a four by four to the head. Michael, the gift giver, who happened to be absent because he was caring for his newborn daughter Hilary, has been jeered ever since.

I close with an appropriate correspondence between my mom and our unique family: "Of course, every year we debate how to operate the Great Exchange - there is the traditional caucus, the radical caucus and the centrists. We disagree a lot but one thing we do agree on - the importance of family - the importance of the affection and generosity of spirit we show each other."

Happy holidays!

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Percent of Americans who say it should be legal for the federal government to wiretap conversations between accused terrorists and their lawyers according to a ABC News Poll.

70

Percent of Americans who believed the government was doing enough to protect the civil rights of suspected terrorists according to the same ABC News Poll.

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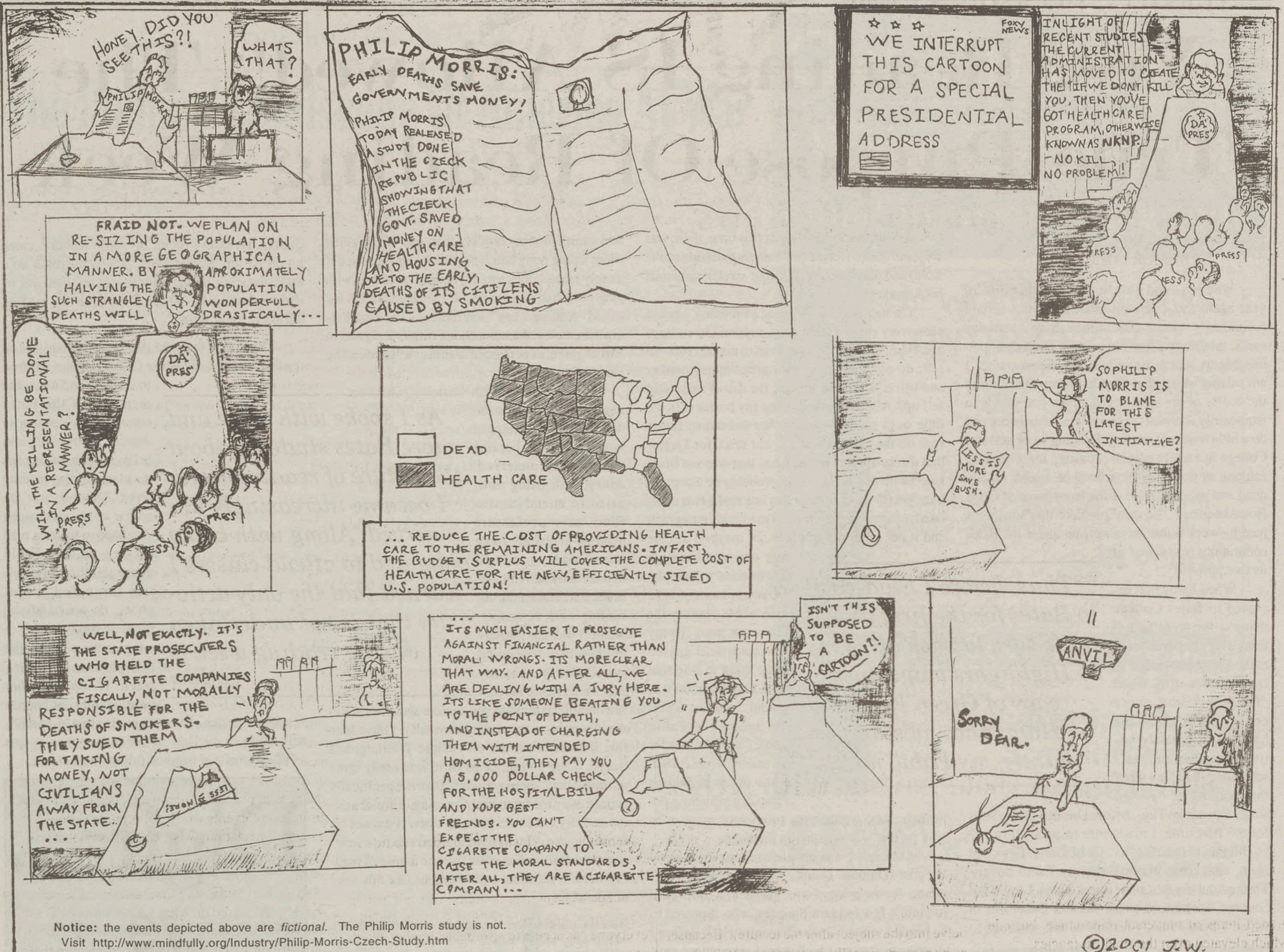
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Motivational Speaker Comes To Bates For Third Year In A Row Amidst Rave Student Reviews



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Scott Fried Talks About Living With AIDS

by CHARLES ANTIN
STAFF WRITER

Scott Fried summed it all up when he said, "I love my job I love my Jeep I love my life I love my sweater." His story was not one which degraded items of universal importance, but one which elevated even the smallest fancies.

Fried drove for 7 hours last Wednesday to speak to about 30 people about his own experiences with HIV and what dealing with the virus has taught him. Fried's story is one which is both frightening and, eventually, inspirational. However, how he contracted HIV is not nearly as important as the message he brings to high schools, colleges and synagogues all over the world. Indeed, Fried was careful to tell me that he is neither an AIDS victim nor an AIDS educator, but a motivational speaker with HIV. As such, he was able to weave for his listeners a masterful tapestry of fear and courage, linked for him to HIV but ready for use in whatever venue his listeners choose.

His message was heard by students and faculty without HIV, and bore relevance to many, as was evidenced by the many people who stayed after the lecture to speak to Fried, or just to give him a hug. The message that Fried brings is one which begins with the realization, "We're all living with AIDS." Whether "AIDS" in this case is the disease itself or not, everyone, says Fried, is living with some kind of fear. It is this fear that needs to be recognized and accepted for what it is, not something debilitating but as a natural human emotion.

According to Fried, once people recognize their fears they can begin to realize that they have control over their lives, and can prevent these

fears from taking over. As Fried said, "we all have the right to negotiate our contracts." What made Fried's speech truly motivational was not necessarily its content. As an AIDS educator Fried did not add any particularly compelling facts about prevention (though he did offer to delve into the subject after the lecture). Because, as he said specifically, he is not an AIDS educator, his lecture worked in other ways. What he did do was discuss his own fears, which happen to be HIV related. But, of course, fear is not limited to those with HIV.

By using his own story as a starting point, Fried was able to relate his story to those of his listeners. Blake Wayman, a freshman and health educator in his hometown of Concord, NH spoke of Fried's effectiveness.

"I've heard many speakers on similar topics, and this has been by far the most effective. I think it hit home for a lot of people, for someone to come speak who has firsthand knowledge on dealing with a very real fear is important."

Perhaps what was most integral to Fried's lecture, and its ability to "hit home," came from Fried himself. He did not preach or condone, even going so far as to say, "it's not wrong to have sex with someone you don't know (unless you feel shame)." His endless anecdotes, compiled over 10 years of professional speaking, were only more tools used to capture the already enraptured listeners.

Fried even went so far as to suggest that his email address be printed in this article (scottNYC@aol.com) in case anyone wished to contact him. It was, it is, Fried's willingness to communicate and to interact and see his audience that made him so attainable, and such an interesting person to listen to.

William E. Little Jr. Appointed To Bates College Board Of Overseers

William E. Little Jr. of New York City has been appointed to the board of overseers by trustees of Bates College, President Donald W. Harward has announced.

Little, parent of Bates College senior Christopher Little, is chairman of George Little Management, LLC, a large producer of trade shows for consumer goods in the United States. Little's grandfather founded the company in 1924, and Little joined the firm in 1968 after serving four years in the U.S. Navy.

Little earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1963.

Little also is chairman of The Lakeville Journal Company, LLC, which publishes weekly newspapers in Lakeville and Winsted, Conn., and Millerton, N.Y. Little and his wife, Helen Yuet-yee Chiu Little, are members of the New York Bates College Council.

The Bates College Board of Trustees includes the board of fellows, whose members serve lifetime terms, and the board of overseers, whose members serve five-year terms.

David Costello Pledges Economic Development, Affordable Health Care, Housing, and Education Are Top Priorities

Costello Running For Seat In U.S. House

by JASON HIRSCHHORN
NEWS EDITOR

David A. Costello, a democrat originally from Old Town, Maine, is running for Maine's second congressional district seat in the United States House of Representatives. Costello, who lives in Lewiston, recently sat down with *The Student* to talk about his campaign and answer some questions.

Costello said he sees the two biggest challenges facing the district being economic development and employment. "We are a comparatively disadvantaged district," Costello said. "Anything that we can do generate more and better jobs are steps in the right direction," Costello said. He said that while he is a relative unknown he feels his background is right for the district. Costello said that improving education and affordable health care were also top priorities.

"Over 40 million don't have health care," Costello said, "the United States is the only industrialized country in the world that doesn't have such a national, single payer healthcare system." Costello said he supports a current bill before the House that addresses this very issue.

As far as education, Costello said the federal government could play a much larger role in funding education in Maine and every state for that matter.

Costello said, "I will work hard to ensure that everyone able to work in Maine has a good job, that those incapable of work are accorded sufficient social insurance benefits, that our young people have access to excellent schools, and that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care."

Costello said his experience and background, though he has spent much time overseas, is deeply rooted in Maine. Costello was born in Old Town, a mill-town, to mill workers in 1960. He is half Irish, half French-Canadian, a background he feels matches well with the district. Costello grew up shoveling snow at Old Town's Sunrise Trailer Park to make money, now he is trying to raise money for his campaign for United States Congress.

Costello enrolled in the University of Maine at Orono in 1978. In 1980, David transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where he received a Bachelors Degree with

academic distinction. In between his time at the University of Maine and George Washington University, Costello worked on Ted Kennedy's campaign in 1979, travelling around the country. This experience interested Costello in politics and he has been active in the democratic party ever since. "I will not waver on social justice issues," Costello says of what his experiences have taught him, among other things.

Costello also offered his take on September 11. "Politics have slowed since September 11," he said. "My general take on September 11 is that this is an opportunity for us to look at we are doing in foreign policy and how we are doing it - we need to work more with other countries in the future, particularly developing countries." Costello said that he is supportive of the military strikes in Afghanistan, but, "We have to make sure that it is the Afghan people who are winning the war. We have to help the Afghan people build a broader more democratic government and we have to be substantive in our aid."

Costello feels that any point of entry into the United States, including airports, should have Federal employees securing the point. "We also need to step up our public health efforts so we are better able to meet and deal with the consequences of public health threats, because clearly from recent events we're not prepared enough."

Foreign relations-wise, Costello said that lessening our country's dependence on foreign oil would be a step in the right direction. Further, "We need to make sure that we are not supporting despots, based on what we define as a despot and we need to make sure we are putting enough pressure on Israel and Palestine to resolve their differences."

Costello has spent much of his time overseas. During a leave of absence from the Maine Secretary of State's Office in January - July 1993, Costello traveled to Cambodia for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) and assisted in efforts to strengthen Cambodia's democratic political parties prior to its United Nations-sponsored national elections. Costello's experience in Cambodia inspired an additional six and one half years of distinguished foreign assistance work. In October 1994,

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RA PASSES ELECTION REFORM, AGAIN

Re-Vote Results In Constitutional Amendment Passing By One Vote, Elections Now More Open To Student Body

by TIM AYERS
ASSISTANT FORUM EDITOR

In last week's RA meeting, the issue of election reform came up again in the form of a revote. In the RA meeting before Thanksgiving break, a bill to amend the RA constitution and make the RA Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections more accessible to the student body was voted upon. The assembly was told that a two-thirds majority vote in favor of the bill was needed for passage. As the headline in *The Student* the next day read, the bill passed with 67 of the 90 members supporting it, achieving the two-thirds necessary. Later the next day, it was discovered by Parliamentarian Dan Barsky that if an amendment to the RA constitution is not proposed at least a week in advance of the meeting, it must receive a three-fourths vote by the assembly for passage. This oversight meant the bill actually came up one vote short of the three-fourths majority that was needed.

Simon Delekta, the RA Vice-President decided the best course to remedy this oversight was to allow a revote at the next meeting so ev-

ery member understood how many votes were needed for passage. It was also decided that the bill still had to achieve the three-fourths majority to pass. This time the bill received one more vote than was necessary, thereby just passing.

With this bill now a part of the RA constitution, the next election will have a table set up outside of Commons for two days where everyone can vote. There will also be a meeting on the Monday night of the election where the candidates will debate and take questions from the audience.

Also at the meeting the assembly filled the seats on the Dining Services Advisory Committee with Rob Fallon, Drew Jarboe and Choi Wong. The Faculty Meeting representatives from the RA were decided to be Geoff Hart, Dan Barsky and Nathan Williford.

In other RA news, RA treasurer Melissa Wilcox appointed Nathan Williford acting treasurer until a new one is elected next semester, as Wilcox will be going abroad. The RA will elect a new treasurer and parliamentarian next semester and the student body will elect a new President and Vice-President of the RA.

Leading Advocate Of School Choice Speaks At Bates

by ANDREW SIMON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jay Greene, a leading advocate of school choice and school vouchers, spoke at Bates on Monday, November 26, in the Muskie Archives. Dr. Greene is a prominent researcher in the growing group of academics, scholars, and politicians who support school choice and publicly funded school vouchers. He is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Public Research in Manhattan, NY. He has conducted extensive research on the effects of school choice and voucher programs in several cities, and his findings have been published in *The Public Interest*, *The New York Post*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

In his talk, Dr. Greene was quick to point out, "The question is not whether we should have school choice, but whether we should expand school choice." He noted that 59% of families in the United States exercise some degree of school choice in deciding which schools their children attend.

A study by the Department of Education found that 39% of American families exercise residential choice, by moving to or intentionally living in a specific public school district. 9% of families send their kids to private schools, and 11% have public school choice in the form of magnet and charter schools, and interdistrict schools.

However, Dr. Greene was not satisfied with the condition and extent of school choice. He explained, "The types of choice we have now are not the most efficient." Most types of choice, in current forms, greatly benefit the wealthy. Dr. Greene explained that there was a "pre-paid tuition" at most decent public schools. This included the high price of real estate in these districts. Only families with the means to afford a home in the district can employ this form of choice.

To send a child to private schools, a family must have the capital to pay, on average, \$3,500 a year. Again, the high cost of tuition benefits those few with the money to pay the tuitions. Public school choice, argued Dr. Greene, is a "restrictive range," that does not offer the student the different choices to satisfy a families needs.

Dr. Greene then gave some depressing statistics that exemplified the unfortunate plight of America's failing public schools, reinforcing the desire for increased school choice. On the 2000 NAEP test, administered by the Department of Education, 74% of whites received scores of "basic or better," compared to 31% of African-Americans and 44% of Latinos. The need for a different approach to schooling, Dr. Greene argued, is apparent.

To solve the education dilemma, Dr. Greene

proposes granting public vouchers to children that would enable them to choose the school they attend, public or private. In supporting his contention, Dr. Greene answers three essential questions. First, does school choice, specifically vouchers, benefit those who use vouchers? Second, do vouchers benefit those who do not receive vouchers? Last, do vouchers benefit society more broadly?

Dr. Greene analyzed five Random Assignment Studies to answer the first question, do voucher recipients benefit? These specific surveys are random lotteries, some students receive vouchers, while others are given a placebo and remain at their previous school. This test removes all semblance of background bias, as race and financial status are not considered in the random lottery. All five studies reported that vouchers benefited only minorities, and not whites. This shows that vouchers do help their recipients.

But, do non-voucher recipients benefit, or do vouchers merely drain public schools of their funds, thus creating a worsened situation for those who remain in already failing schools? Dr. Greene points to two studies done by Caroline Minter-Hoxby to prove his assertion that vouchers make all schools perform better. Minter-Hoxby's study analyzed public schools in Michigan and Arizona who were close in proximity to charter schools and magnet schools. The study found that the schools that were closer to charter and magnet schools performed better because they were forced to compete for students and their money. In order to keep students enrolled, and to keep the student's money, schools must provide the best education possible.

Minter-Hoxby also studied failing public schools where many students leave after receiving vouchers to better schools. Her study again found that the schools that were more affected by students exercising their right to choose, and usually to choose to attend a better school, forced the failing schools to improve. Dr. Greene attributed her findings to the schools being forced to compete for students. Consequently, many schools reevaluate their policies and amend to attract students. Dr. Greene said when schools are confronted with students being able to "take their money and walk," the afflicted schools compete with rival schools, creating overall better schooling.

Dr. Greene maintains that students who attend private schools are more tolerant, participate in the democratic process more, and are more socially integrated. He concluded with the argument that few, if any, researchers of school vouchers argue that vouchers hurt the recipient. Test scores have never found vouchers to have negative effects on the recipient.



Vanessa Williamson/The Bates Student
Jay Greene of the Manhattan Institute for Public Reserach spoke at Bates on November 26 about school choice and voucher programs.

Costello Brings International Experience To Local Issues

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Costello relocated to Haiti to assist the U.S. Government in organizing and implementing a broad-based conflict mitigation and local governance support program. David supervised the operations of thirteen field offices, the activities of 160+ staff members and, in close partnership with the U.S. Armys Special Forces, the implementation of more than 1,800 community improvement projects. Such projects ranged from the rehabilitation and construction of local schools, clinics, roads, canals, bridges, and markets, to the implementation of public health, literacy, sanitation, reforestation, and civic education campaigns.

In June 1996, David moved to Bosnia - Herzegovina to help establish a U.S. Government (USAID/OTI) field office in Bosnias Republika Srpska (RS). David worked to assist in securing peace in Bosnia by supervising the implementation of 154 grants to 44 RS-based civic and media organizations. OTIs grants supported the es-

tablishment and activities of seventeen independent television and radio stations, and fourteen peace and democracy promoting non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Headquartered out of Washington, D.C., from May 1997 through June 2001, David spent much of the next four years on the ground in the Balkans, supervising the expansion U.S. Government assistance activities in Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania and Macedonia.

Compared to his opponenets, all of which Costello feels are very qualified, Costello says, "I have more state government experience than most of my opponenets. I feel I have the broadest range of experiences of any candidate and I am really the only candidate with Federal Government experience." Costello said that right now his primary goal is raising money for his campaign. Supporters, or those interested in learning more can visit Costello's web site at www.costello4congress.org.

"Lift" Premieres At Bates; Directors Visit Class

FILM, from front

bosses to relatives", the two diligently sought production money while working full time and polishing the script. The product of their efforts, "Black and White and Red All Over" became an independent hit, and was acclaimed as an honest and emotional depiction of black-on-black violence in American urban society.

Having gained the critical success from their first film, the team began a second film, which they say was inspired from acquaintances they knew who "boosted" goods and from the intense materialistic and consumer values they saw around them. In order to depict how boosting works, its implications, and the questions it raises about society, image, and crime, the two began work on "Lift".

The movie tells the tale of a shoplifting ring intertwined with a family drama between a mother and her daughter. Davis hopes that the film will "help others through experience", something she desires for all of her films. She adds, "you should feel as though you are a part of the movie, not separate from it", as Streeter concurs, "It has to be real" in order to be a good film.

When questioned about the controversial issues embedded in their films, the directors

noted that they see their films as "moral tales", asking hard questions about life and "giving the audience something they can work with" on a daily basis. "Lift" specifically targets issues relevant to young black women, according to the directors, because of its critical focus on issues of self-esteem, relationships, family, pregnancy, and crime.

Davis and Streeter, now hot commodities in the independent film industry, say that their next film will be about a group of adolescent boys, and will surround the issues of loyalty and friendship. Presently, they are promoting "Lift", taking it to various film festivals throughout the country and the world, and taking some down time after a world wind trip into the movie industry.

As for Bates reactions, the Keck classroom was full of students who stayed for questions with the directors, and comments ranged from "incredible" to "deep". Students in the African-American Studies class where Davis and Streeter spoke also gave the film rave reviews. While there are still very few film premieres on the Bates campus, students seemed enthralled with the showing of the film "Lift" and anxious for the directors' upcoming works.

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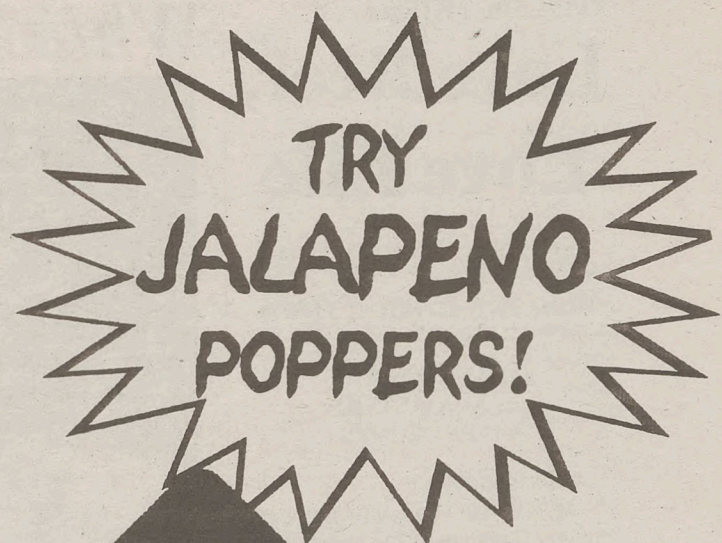


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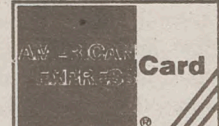
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Food and Drink

Love Beer,
Love Life

*Harpoon UFO Is A
Winning Boston Brew*

by DAN DRISCOLL
and ADAM STERN
STAFF DRUNKS

Greetings folks,

It has been some time since we brought a review to the community. With final assignments, presentations and exams approaching for many, we are worried that the amount of quality brew consumed on this campus might decrease over the next two weeks, but from the events that occurred over this past weekend we highly doubt that this is true and we applaud all your efforts. We hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving break, and were able to consume plenty of quality brews. We certainly took advantage of this opportunity and sampled multiple domestic and imported beverages. Thanksgiving was a little tense with family relations on the brink of nuclear war, so what better way to break the ice than with a beer...many beers, actually.

While at our local package store, New England Wine and Spirits in Newburyport, MA, we browsed the coolers and the shelves stocked with beer, wine, and of course, booze. We felt like two little kids in a candy store saying "Let's have that," or "Ooohhh, look at that price for so many cold, frosty cans," or "I have never seen this quality brew before," and "I can't decide...there are too many damn choices!" permeated our voices and our minds. After hemming and hawing, we finally came to a decision to purchase a sixer of Harpoon UFO Hefeweizen - a local company that produces many quality brews, and this variety was one that we have never sampled before. What, you thought we were only going to review beers like Schlitz, Schaeffer, Genesee, Schmidt's, Old Milwaukee and the rest...well we like those too and don't you worry, they are all on tap for review in the future.

Now to some history and information that we're sure you'll enjoy before the actual review. Harpoon is based in Boston, and has produced beer since 1987. They also purchased the Catamount Brewery in Windsor, Vermont in 2000, and brew both Harpoon and Catamount beers there. Harpoon produces many varieties including the Harpoon line (IPA, Summer, Munich Dark, ESB, Pilsner, Winter Lager, Spring Maibock, and Hefeweizen Unfiltered Wheat Beer); Pickwick ales, and obviously the Catamount line. Tours are available at both plants.

In the middle ages, Germanic tribes began to brew a much more paler ale than usual. The cause: these brewers used their resources and the most abundant brewing ingredients available to them, like all other civilized cultures. Wheat grain was one of these, and barley was the other. The use of both to brew one beer brought the inception of the Weissbier, or weiss meaning white. They were so much lighter than the traditional dark beers that the term "white beer" became a common naming convention.

Simply broken down Hefeweizen, Hefe (yeast) Weizen (wheat) traditionally means an unfiltered wheat beer

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What's Tintin Got To Do With It?



Christina Dove/The Bates Student

Hundreds of toy soldiers fight atop a dinner table in Jay Surdukowski's "Disasters of Love," on display in Chase Hall Gallery

Fine Art

Surdukowski's Artwork In Chase Hall
Lounge Rattles Nerves, Sparks Questions

by R.E. MANSFIELD
STAFF WRITER

"It's not enough to know the world is absurd and restrict yourself merely to pointing out that fact...It is wrong to expect a reward for your struggles. The reward is the act of struggle itself, not what you win. Even though you can't expect to defeat the absurdity of the world, you must make that attempt. That's morality, that's religion, that's art, that's life." -Phil Ochs

Life as we know it has changed. That much is obvious. In the new realm of war, global politics, and suspension, as people struggle to make sense by drawing distinctions in quagmire of fear and hate, are we still permitted to analyze? I do not know. In our new environment will channels remain open? Where do we go from here? Something is missing. Something complex and enigmatic. Something crucial. Cultural theorist Marshall McLuhan wrote that there is absolutely no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening...propaganda ends where dialogue begins. It is crucial that people continue to think, continue asking questions, at a time when many seek to paint reality in black and white in order to forge understanding out of chaos. Media alters the way we perceive the world.

With *Disasters of Love*, Jay Surdukowski offers a range of reflections, reevaluations, and reinterpretations. I do not wish to endeavor a retelling of his Letter on Rwanda series (Surdukowski's writings on the genocide of over 800,000 individuals, discussion of globalization, and personal reflection stand on their

own), to a certain extent an understanding of artist and experience studying genocide is crucial. As I write before Surdukowski's artist's talk, yet with the knowledge it will have taken place by the time of publication, I am mildly worried about presenting a false representation. I go into my analysis under the assumption most readers are at least somewhat familiar with Surdukowski's Phillips Fellowship experience in Rwanda, his time spent

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studying the Holocaust in Denmark and the Netherlands, and are to certain extent aware of some of the artists previous endeavors and politics.

It is with some trepidation I approach the analysis of Surdukowski's work. My reflexivity presents a potentially serious problem in this situation, as I consider him a deeply respected close friend, important influence, and favorite creative subject, if occasionally infuriating. Is my judgment tainted? Isolation perhaps balances accounts. There is a distinct lack of titles (Surdukowski stated he wanted clarity through namelessness, and I enter into the show with little firsthand knowledge of the work beyond what concepts I carry in my mind. I ask questions and receive no answers. I

station myself in the exhibit, watching people filter in and out. Drifting slowly through the rooms, they seem too well behaved. I want to see strong reactions, not polite acceptance and looks of confusion. I ask for opinions and receive comments like, "I don't have anything you could print," and "I like the doggie," neither of which are particularly helpful observations, neither of which smack with the shock of recognition.

During his tenure at the College, Surdukowski, the public persona, has become something of a cult figure, the mention of his name prompts immediate reaction. Easily recognizable, an embodiment of je ne sais quoi. For example, Friday, at the opening night performance of Handel's Messiah he took one of his traditional seats, slightly stage left of center in the balcony. When it came

time for the Hallelujah chorus, the audience rose in deference to the memory of King George the whatever, save Surdukowski, who remained seated, stating I don't stand for Christ or Kings. His interesting independence is refreshing and I admire him for it. Life is too short for periphery, he once told me.

Disasters of Love, is Surdukowski's third Chase Hall gallery show. It is something of a departure from previous work, but many of the stylistic elements remain, as well as the famous reversed image utilized in last years *Ach Du* and *Next Generation II*, some interesting transvesting, and his instantly recognizable slanted script. *Disas-*

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Living

FIND THE
COURAGE TO
FLY AGAIN

by DAVID WELIVER
FEATURES EDITOR

To fly in the post-September 11 world is surreal. Forget arriving at the airport last minute to catch that oh-so-important flight. Forget meeting your loved one with roses as he or she steps off the plane. Forget apathetically ignoring the flight attendants' flailing arms as they give the in-flight safety demonstration.

At airports today, not only is there high security, but there are intense emotions too. For everybody boarding a plane, it seems there are two people who would be on that plane but are now afraid to fly. Nervous relatives of passengers monitor up to the minute flight information from their computers at home.

But how do the government's and the public's new feelings about flying really impact an airborne journey? And most importantly, are the new measures really making air passengers safer, or are they merely giving us longer lines, less privacy, and a false sense of security?

Less than a week before I flew from Boston's Logan International Airport to London's Gatwick Airport, American Airlines flight 537 crashed only moments after taking off from JFK in New York. A student pilot myself, the freak mechanical failure of that Airbus A300 was not enough to shatter my nerves about flying, but it did serve as a blow to my family and friends who have been concerned about flying since September 11. In light of their fears, and my own curiosity, I paid close attention to every thing I encountered at the airport and on my flight. I will describe my most startling discoveries.

I arrived at Logan's terminal C two hours ahead of my departure time as recommended by all airlines. Somehow, this was hardly enough time. I waited for nearly an hour to check my bag behind two hunters toting shotgun cases (they drew stares from fellow travelers but not from armed guards roaming the terminal.) Upon approaching the counter to check my bag, the customer service rep. proceeded to scold me for being late and picked up a red phone telling me with an annoyed sigh, "I'm not sure if your bag will make it there."

He slammed down the phone, stamped my boarding pass and snapped "Next!" I quibbled with him briefly, muttering something about his airline's hour-long line, but I had to be on my way.

I shuffled over to the security checkpoint where I found an equally forbidding line that at times stretched out the terminal's door. While waiting there, I was uncomfortably sandwiched between two state troopers in black tactical uniforms who looked like they stepped right out of the pages of Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six. Much to my dismay, one of the troopers got so lost in conversation with his buddy that he let his grip on his AK-47 type automatic gun slip until it was pointing at my stomach. A moment later he noticed and jerked it toward the floor, meeting my eye for just a second, embarrassed by his mistake. Just then, an

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Happenings

Brusie, Bedfellows Draw Laughs For Amnesty

Why "Nuggets" Are All The Rage On The Campus A Cappella Scene

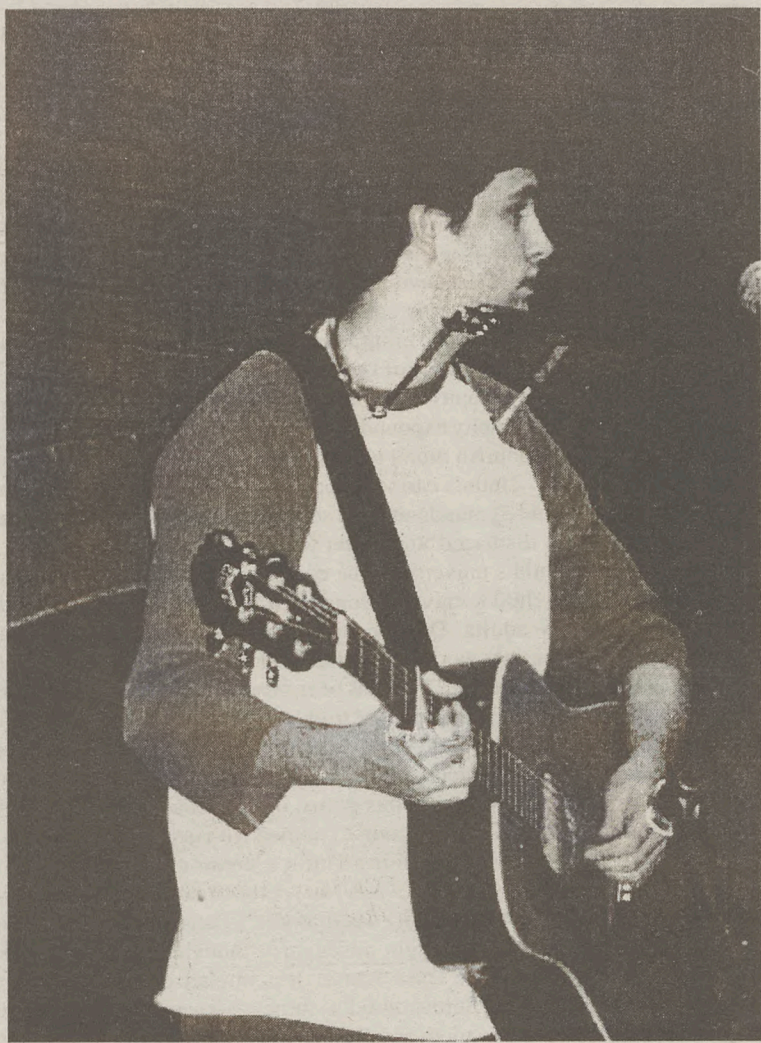
by JAY SURDUKOWSKI
CRITIC-AT-LARGE

The Amnesty International coffee-house was the venue for a few nuggets of good entertainment this week while people drafted letters to regimes presiding over human rights debacles or potential disasters. Standouts included music by Dave Brusie and a surprise Bedfellows performance. Brusie did some covers: "I Am Trying To Break Your Heart" by Wilco, "One Man Guy" by Rufus Wainwright, "All My Little Words" by Magnetic Fields, and "Leave the Biker" by Fountains of Wayne. He also sang two songs off of "Half Extravaganza," a CD he has recently cut in a professional recording studio. It will be released for wider distribution soon. Brusie played a guitar and also did battle with a temperamental harmonica harness thingamabob.

A curious and funny moment in the set came when Josef Kijewski was invited to the stage to play a makeshift tambourine. The absence of a tambourine in the Chase Hall Lounge led to the improvisation of a cup with change in it. This somehow did the trick... Kijewski was certainly a crowd-pleaser, his change rattling filled with passion and humor.

Brusie is pleasantly earnest and truthful in live performance. There is no pretension in his singing, just an honesty that is endearing.

Speaking of improvisation, Bates's own improv group the Strange Bedfellows took to the stage with a surprise that trumped all their other efforts of the evening. The troupe took on the guise of an a cappella group and deliciously poked-fun at those holier-than-thou singing groups of the College with a hysterical rendition of "The Power of Love" by Huey Lewis & the News.



Jay Surdukowski/The Bates Student

David Brusie entertains petition writers at Amnesty International's coffeehouse last weekend.

as featured in the film "Back to the Future."

The newest Bates a cappella group's name? Nuggets.

It has been pointed out to me that they are "Nuggets" not "The Nuggets". There is some meaning in the murder

of the definite article that I don't quite get, but that's that. "Nuggets" were actually quite good. A skateboard, sunglasses, and attitude made it all work. Hopefully this skit will be performed again soon for a wider audience.

KEEP ON FLYING, AMERICA

An Account Of One Flight After September 11

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airline employee shouted "anybody for London?" and to my surprise, whisked me past the lines and to the metal detectors.

Perhaps the most frightening thing I witnessed during my entire journey was the sloppiness that still exists at Logan's security checkpoint. While glass partitions gave the checkpoint the appearance that nobody but travelers could pass, airport employees were continually moving back and forth with ease, around a ribbon divider to my left, without anybody to check their identification.

Then, when my bag was screened by a security guard (these are the ones making minimum wage, while pre-pubescent national guardsmen, who at least have guns, were standing to the side chatting.) Apparently the FAA does not allow lighters of any kind to be carried on board aircraft. Oops. My plans to enjoy a Cuban or two in London might be foiled. Not so. When the guard noticed the Zippo lighter in my bag, he halted the x-ray conveyor and screamed "bag check!" at the top of his lungs as if here were yelling for a sale on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Interestingly, nobody came. Not the guard's supervisors, not the national guardsmen chatting only feet

away, not the storm troopers with Uzi's wandering the halls. Five minutes and several "bag check" calls later, one of the guard's older coworkers barked at him "What are you doing? It's fine, just let him go!" By this time, the passengers behind me were scared out of their wits. I have no doubt all of them wondered what the hell I had in my bag and later why the hell it wasn't checked after so much commotion. And so, I strode past the guards and on the airplane with my "contraband" and whatever else may have aroused suspicion about my bag. Granted, I didn't have a bomb or a weapon, but I could've had.

Despite the initial hassles and questionable security at Logan Airport, both of my six and a half-hour flights were surprisingly pleasurable. Because there were fewer people flying, I was able to stretch out over two seats each time. And while the small airline pillow was hardly more comfortable, the extra room made napping in the air more comfortable.

On my flights, few passengers seemed concerned about flying, and the flight attendants' behaviors were as routine as ever, showing no signs of more cautious behavior. What was interesting, however, was that before each plane took off, the pilot walked up and down the aisles, looking at each passenger carefully. Presumably, the

captain was scanning for passengers he might not have felt comfortable flying. But was this behavior a wise and admirable step towards ensuring the passengers' safety, or did it have to potential to be bigoted racial profiling? Arguably the pilot wouldn't hesitate to question or evict a fidgety Middle-Eastern man when a white man exhibiting even more suspicious signs might be overlooked. After all, pilots are trained to fly, not judge.

Although making flying completely safe may be a relative impossibility, my experience reaffirmed my initial belief about flying after September 11—that it has never been safer to travel. There may still be holes in security, as I witnessed at Logan, but rest assured the security is tighter than it was before! Perhaps in the future we can learn from foreign airports, for at London's Gatwick airport I passed through three security checkpoints, not one, before boarding my plane. And although I affirm that everybody should try to fly to help restore confidence in the American airline industry, the presence of young soldiers totting machine guns at Logan Airport, the time it takes to simply move through the airport, and the concerned faces of travelers' relatives are clear signs that flying is a very different experience than it was three months ago.

Living

Getting Over A Love That Could've Been "The One"

by KERRIN AFRSTEN
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a very long relationship. It certainly wasn't a very harmonious one either. Unfortunately he was the one...

Saying goodbye to true love is never easy. But while men tend to get over it quicker and tend to find it easier to draw that final emotional line, women tend to build a Taj Mahal for the one and only with whom they originally intended to have children, renovate an old farmhouse and plan a cruise after retirement.

It doesn't really matter whether the true love was particularly happy or long-term, whether she already had him on a pedestal or who actually broke up with whom. What counts is, that

at some point it was over and now she can't forget him. Suddenly she realizes that she is able to put away all of her past lovers into two or three drawers: One for all those men, who can easily be left there to be forgotten without guilt because until today they are still slightly embarrassing. One for all those men, whom she still thinks of with a little tingle in her stomach area, because she can still remember the sweet little things about them. Those are fairly easy to live with. But then there is still that third drawer. This is where the one lives. The one man, who occupies a whole drawer by himself, because until this day there is no one who compares. Because despite all the fights and scenes and games she still finds him more fantastic than anybody else. And that's a problem.

In the worst case scenario a woman will weep after the one and only for the rest of her life and from then on will keep the rest of her relationships cooking only over low heat. Better not to invest too much, better no close commitment, better never lose track of that old true love. His toothbrush has no place in her bathroom. And when he makes the mistake to even remotely drop a stupid remark about the other, he is dismissed immediately.

Just what exactly is it about that true love that leaves one stuttering through the rest of life with the emergency break pulled? If you think about it, it really only takes place inside your head, where you pick it out from a million others and stage it as the one big, wonderful and true one. All of a sudden everything was perfect and beautiful and ideal, passionate and incomparable. All his bad attributes forgotten: How he let his eyes follow those other women in the street. That he thought John Wayne was the best actor of all times. Three months without him and suddenly he is the fairytale prince without flaws.

There is another reason why she holds on to that one true love: Fear of proximity, closeness, responsibility, routine and every-day troubles that

overcome her with every new partner. Instead of letting herself sink into it, instead of letting go, she prefers to keep her distance—that is the one, the man who no longer demands anything of her. The man, with whom she no longer fights over banalities and with whom life right now would probably be nothing but one large romantic adventure. The love for her ex is a wonderful escape and a marvelous excuse to keep all men after him at an emotional distance.

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Isn't it the case that true love also feeds on all those sentimental memories of past events that just so happened simultaneously? There are the great times back in the summer when all she recalls is one great party. Her first own car with which she drove herself all the way from

Paris down to the Mediterranean last summer. There was that fun group of friends, which since has fallen apart.

Now the question remains: Is there really no antidote against the craze of true love? The answer is: yes. Yes, there is one. And it is a simple one, too. It is called: saying goodbye. It starts with all those old letters, pictures and music tapes. They are best stuffed into a large, black trash bag. Stuffed in there without a final glimpse, without re-reading the lines, without listening over and over to the too familiar songs. Otherwise there is simply no help.

She who manages to do that will also find the courage to say good-bye to old acquaintances, which time and time again throw salt into the old wounds. Better to find some new friends, who know nothing about the old burden. At that point, it is about time to sit down at the kitchen table and write a letter. A letter wishing farewell once and for all to that one true love. This is the one last time she may cry her eyes out. It is ok because the letter doesn't have to be sent. It is more about letting the entire old love pass by one last time. All the good times and all the bad times. Then it is time to wish him the best and farewell. Forever.

Whether that letter is then thrown away with the rest of the relics in the big black trash-bag, cut to hundreds of small paper pieces and flushed down the toilet or actually sent after many, many years, that is not so important. The deed is done. Finalized. Over. Forever. Finally. The ambitious, who thereafter seeks to find the philosophy of a happy love life, best looks for it at the next concession stand. It is there that she can find little sugary pearls called "Love pearls", which she can own for not more than a few cents. Little strings with many colorful little pearls of sugar. A red one after a green one after a blue. Lined up one after another. Bigger or smaller, greater or less impressive than the next. Or just different. That's how love can work too.

Beer Review: Harpoon UFO

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with yeast in the beer. It is often referred to as "weissbier mit hefe" (with yeast). They are brewed with wheat malt, and tend to be refreshing and light-bodied with a slight fruity aroma. Hefeweizens are generally highly carbonated brews and when poured these beers should be cloudy (from the higher proteins contained in wheat malt) pale gold to a spectrum of amber shades. Additionally, when pouring, there are certain requirements to get the most out of the brew. You must first pour half of the beer into a clean glass. Then swirl the bottle and pour the rest into your glass. Finally, add a slice lemon if you desire, and cheers!

Now to the review... YES! Again, let us refresh your memories of the scale. 1 Keg equals schwag (carbonated piss) while 5 kegs indicates quality brew (dankness of beverage). Each beer is rated in terms of Taste, Texture (smoothness and physical characteristics), Bouquet, Drinkability (how many may be consumed), Price, and Buzz factor. Here's how UFO fared: Yes, this is quality brew!

Quantitative Analysis

Taste: 4 kegs. Smooth and extremely refreshing. Why bother drink water when you're dehydrated... drink this instead!

Texture: 3.5 Kegs. Well Harpoon markets this beer to be light bodied and it is indeed. However, it is just right for fullness and you can feel the carbonation in your mouth.

Bouquet: 4 kegs. Wafting the beer with your hands like in Chemistry class yields a slightly fruity aroma but clearly not overpowering.

Drinkability: 4 kegs. Sweet! Six pack consumed in one sitting in record time. While not like Beast Ice in going down like a power window, this beer does its job pretty damn well and like all alcohol... well you know what it impairs.

Buzz Factor: 4 kegs. Unlike some brews, Harpoon gives you a good strong feeling, with a non-synthetic euphoric effect. MMMMM... bliss!

Price: 3 Kegs. Umm, wouldn't want to throw a party for all your friends with this beer as a case runs you into the mid twenties.

Qualitative Experience

This brew definitely features a cloudy golden color, refreshing light body and a clean finish. You should drink this in a pint glass at all costs otherwise you are shaming the beer and neglecting yourself satisfaction of a quality brew. Although the carbonation is somewhat strong, Harpoon UFO slides down the gullet quite well, yet it is soft to the mouth. There was also a generous head, as well as a pleasant banana-like aroma. While the beer is not extremely "bold" or "heavy" the taste is quite delicious. Since this beer was not consumed in excess, the next morning was awesome, and actually felt motivated to accomplishing tasks set forth by the parental units. Adding a slice of lemon is a nice touch, but it is not necessary.

While Harpoon is unavailable in Maine or in Lewiston at this time (at least we haven't seen it in our travels, but could be wrong) and wanting the Bates Community to consume and experience the goodness of this brew, we took the initiative and contacted Federal Distributors in Lewiston to look into getting Harpoon accessible here. They said that they would get back to us. We also recommend Blue Moon Wheat Ale (domestic) as well as the many Belgium and German white ales available. We therefore endorse this beer as quality.

So as Christmas break approaches, and you go out on your hunting trips to get that fresh wild turkey for your Christmas dinner, remember that when Teddy Roosevelt went on an African safari in 1909, he made sure his hunting party never ran out of beer and took more than 500 gallons with him. To that we say hell yeah, and suggest you do the same, but certainly do not drink and shoot at the same time, and likewise do not drink and drive. Have a safe break, and as always drink beer (in moderation of course). We now come to conclusion with the Harpoon motto: Love Beer. Love Life. Harpoon.

Your beer aficionados,
Dan Driscoll and Adam Stern

The Bombs In Chase Hall

A CRITICAL LOOK AT SURDUKOWSKI'S EYE-CATCHING ART EXHIBIT

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ters of Love covers a great deal of territory from a wide range of cultural influences and offers artistic commentary in a variety of ways, painting, printmaking, found objects, etc. Of the images and ideas contained within the show Surdukowski offers, They are all disasters of love. Love of country and cause taken to the murderous extreme.

About a month ago, over dinner, he displayed the three recurring images woven throughout the show...plane, bomb, Tintin. We are confronted with these three silhouetted on doilies, a broken pentagon of plastic American flags, images of the Third Reich affixed to the 1937 Lewiston Evening Journal. hair clotted with black paint, planes inscribed with "Tastes like chicken, It's what's for dinner, Freedom from fear, Dinner before desert," planes printed across *The Wall Street Journal*, *The John Galt Press*, and *The Bates Student*, flying over imported sweaters in the J. Crew catalogue, a piece of paper, upon which it is writ "You killed me!"

Yesterday I got hundreds of toy soldiers and arranged them all afternoon. Are these part of a new work? Possibly.

The soldiers of course battle across a red-swathed table, over crock pots and salt and pepper shakers, tureens and dinner plates, all green, lacking the distinctions of those to kill and those to trust. Elsewhere in the gallery there are vacuum cleaner bags, empty toy trays, nine planes and bombs cut from red floral fabric and a large plane and bomb from pink plaid, reminiscent of women's clothing, the Tintin in Rwanda series (The French are still supplying arms to the genocidal interim government. They have been lying to the press...Tintin and Snowy, an outraged Tintin with skulls, etc.), two gray Tintin's in what looks like a window drowning under a deluge of red, green, and white, Tintin walking past blood-spattered mound of skulls and bones. Tintin included perhaps because of Philip Gourevitch's New Yorker piece, which included a mention of three men reading Tintin in Kigali Prison. Both Tintin and the artist travel the world in variations of the hero's quest (though Surdukowski is lacking a sidekick and doesn't smack of institutionalized offensiveness and Tintin never actually reports anything). Artists books include Tintin's encounters with caricatures coupled with articles detailing the US part in the Rwandan genocide, the train tracks, Alfred Douglas, a plane bearing the image of a puppy, Tintin with photocopies of American flags, and Planes, bombs, and Tintin Overture -adagio, where bombs descend in Act II, Scene One, and planes crash in Act III, Scene Two, among others. Do audiences desire to be told what to think or do they seek their own conclusions?

I draw comparisons. Viewing a plane made from a fabric woven with butterflies, I immediately think All Quiet on the Western Front, and call to mind Lew Ayres hand going limp as he is killed reaching for the fragile symbol of beauty. Why Lord Alfred Bosie Douglas? The image of the aristocratic beautiful blonde lover who led Oscar Wilde to ruin appears in the Lord Alfred Douglas Prelude, and two artists books, one where his picture is coupled with Wilde, one that repeats Bosies flawless likeness on page after page, physical perfection over and over.

Truth and beauty, beauty and

death, beauty and destruction... Bosie is forbidden desire. Bosie is the destroyer. Bosie embodies the shows Disasters of Love title (as perfectly as Harry Kendall Thaw) and Wilde's I can resist anything except temptation, to the very core. It is safer not to fall in love, feel passionately, embrace causes. Yet without these Disasters of Love, without pain and horror, humanity lacks its impure essence, the jealous cruelty expounded upon by neoclassicists, its nourish moral ambiguity.

Tintin's cartoon world is an existence devoid of mundanity and sexuality, where desire is displaced and never satisfied, a fictional child's universe of the complex and familiar, a child's universe consumed almost entirely by adults. Despite its superficial altruism, Tintin's world is riddled with offensive contradictions. Tintin has been described as an insurrectionist force of truth and exposé of tyranny, the beloved boy journalist, whose goodness triumphs over evil, whether fighting the Cold War, religious gurus, or mercenary soldiers. This is of course coupled with generally accepted assertions Tintin's creator Herge (Georges Remi) was a Nazi collaborator in occupied Belgium, a colonialist, racist, anti-Semitic, far-Right misogynist (though he did support the Dalai Lama). It is immensely interesting Surdukowski's journey to Rwanda involved a stopover in Tintin's home of Belgium. During colonialism, Tintin was banned in the Belgian Congo as a communist because the character traveled to the Soviet Union in 1929 (not, it seems, because Tintin in the Congo is unapologetically offensive. In its racism, Tintin's heartless slaughter of several beings, and its colonial love your fatherland message), even though Tintin's adventures in the land of the Soviets has been considered an important piece of anti-Communist propaganda.

Because of the notoriety, Tintin became a cultural icon and a symbol of middle class insurrection, mathematically, as a literary subject, his economic literary popularity is surpassed only by Jesus, Shakespeare, and Hitler. Tintin's noble altruism lends itself to parody, in Tintin and Snowy in the Land of the Nazis, a comment on Herge's passive fascism, Tintin losing his virginity in Frederic Tuten's Tintin in the New World, some unseemly sexual exploits painted by Jan Bucquoy, and others. Also

intriguing because the Belgian Tintin is extraordinarily popular in France, the power responsible for cementing notorious imperialist hierarchies. He appeared in Tintin's World, one of Surdukowski's poetry submissions to the 2000 Garnet. What would the carefully taught Herge think of Surdukowski's appropriation of the boy wonder? Is there still such a thing as innocence.

As I write I watch words slide by on CNN, Sharon visits World Trade Center Site, Most popular names for baby boys Jacob, Michael, Joshua, most popular names for baby girls Emily, Hannah, Madison, Journalist will not be tried under 1917 treason law, State of Virginia denies benefits to domestic partners of 9/11 attack, Over 1,000 Marines on ground, CT Anthrax letter went through NJ sorting machine that processed Daschle and Leahy letters, Foreign Intelligence tells CIA Taliban kidnapping US journalists as bargaining chips, American public supports massive reduction of civil liberties, Former Beatle George Harrison dies of cancer at the age of 58, I switch off the television. I call Jay. He is listening to While My Guitar Gently Weeps. I hang up the phone and play with my WTC pencil sharpener. This is a strange time to come of age, a profoundly disturbing era to be shaken from academia to real world. Are we another lost generation? When will the draft be reinstated? Why does the human race continually develop new and increasingly horrific means of destroying each other? We should be able to look at the world with a sense of wonder, not a child's rage. Disasters of Love effectively lays bare the casual bloodthirstiness of children, through war toys, Sesame Street characters smiling over a birthday cake from a bomb-dropping plane, children's wrapping paper printed with teddy bears, flowers, hearts, and missiles. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, directly or indirectly, unfortunately we are raised in violence. What is next for the conflicted nationalist's art as activism? Where will it lead him? I look forward to seeing what he does with his considerable abilities in the future and commend his prolific energy as our official culture struggles to adapt in the rapidly changing world. Contemplate, deliberate, evaluate, reflect. Keep asking questions.



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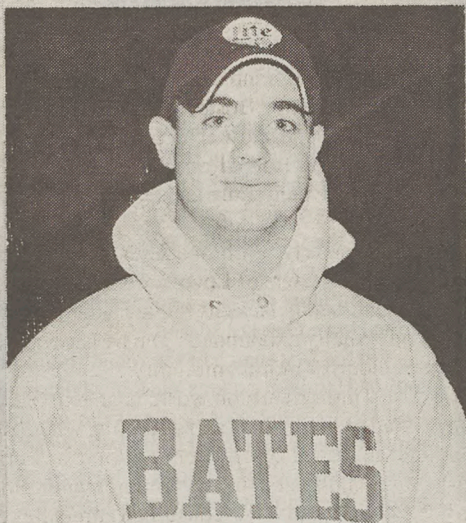
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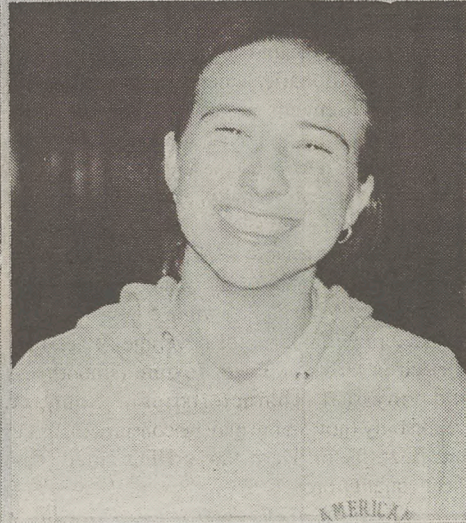
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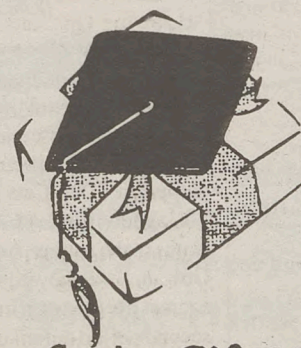
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Bates Gears Up For Battle With The Polar Bears



Mario Lugo finishes off a breakway

Christina Dove/The Bates Student

by **MIKE LOPEZ**
STAFF WRITER

You know it is a good sign for Bates men's basketball when the team backups are running a play called "44," and that same number is actually less than the lead Bates has on its opponent. Such was the case in the team's recent win over Thomas, a small school from Waterville, Maine, where Bates took advantage of some strong three point shooting and a raucous crowd to a 105-51 victory, one of Bates' 4 on the year. On their way to starting out the season 4-3, the team has already seem some blowout victories, like the game against Thomas, and disappointing losses, like a 78-76 defeat versus Southern Maine. Most importantly, however, the team has set the tone for what should be an exciting rest of the season.

In the Wheaton Tip-off classic, Bates walked away victorious over both Wheaton and Mt. Ida, with senior captain Ed Walker taking home tournament MVP. In the 88-74 win over Mt. Ida, Walker recorded a game high 25 points and had two blocks and a steal on defense. Starting forwards CJ Neely and Alex Wilson both reached double digits in points and rebounds, and junior transfer Angelo Salvaggio started his Bates career off with 11 points. The following day Bates took on Wheaton in the tournament championship and won 67-55. Walker continued his impressive play with 11 points, 15 rebounds, and 5 assists. Rookie Brian Gerrity added 11, and Neely, who joined Walker on the all tournament team, had 14 points and 6 rebounds.

After winning the tournament, the Bobcats lost 2 of their next three, in games at University of Southern Maine [76-78], home against University of New England [110-63], and at Colby-Sawyer [80-93]. In the win of UNE, sophomore Ramon Garcia led Bates with 19 points, including three first half

three pointers. In the two losses, Bates was hampered by poor shooting, as USM and Colby Sawyer took advantage of their home courts to win and shut down the potent Bobcat scoring attack. In the first half versus Colby-Sawyer, Bates was 0-9 from behind the three point line, and finished the game 5-28 from that range. That loss put the Bobcat record at 3-2.

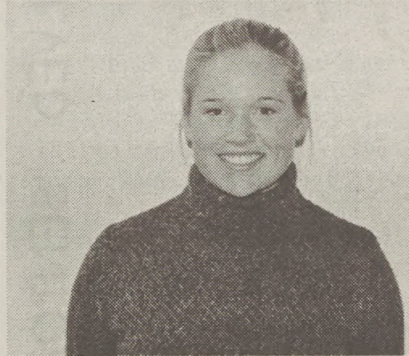
Most recently, Bates hosted, along with Bowdoin, the Bates-Bowdoin classic. Bates split its two games, the blowout victory over Thomas, and a 91-81 defeat at the hands of Suffolk. Four Bobcats reached double figures in the win over Thomas, with Walker scoring 19 points, Neely 16, and guards Mario Lugo and John Costello netting 11 and 12 points, respectively. Everyone on the Bobcat bench contributed in the scoring department, and senior captain Alex Wilson's 11 rebounds led all players.

Versus Suffolk, Bates struggled early as the Rams raced to a 48-33 halftime lead. Bates was able to cut the lead down to seven points in the second half, but that was as close as they got as they lost 91-81. Senior Alex Wilson, who was named to the all tournament team, led all scorers with 30 points. Senior Captain Billy Hart added 10, and Walker chipped in 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The loss dropped the Bobcats record to 4-3, but as Hart noted, things could be worse. "Obviously at 4-3 I am a bit disappointed with our performance," commented Hart. "However, the program has reached a point where true success will ultimately be determined during NESCAC play. If these losses help us to win games in February then I can deal."

Bates looks to rebound Wednesday versus Bowdoin, in the Bobcat's first NESCAC and CBB tilt.

Bobcat Of The Week



Carla Flaherty

Christina Dove

This weeks top Bobcat is Carla Flaherty. A junior on the women's hoops team, Flaherty took home the MVP award of the Paul Bunyan Classic which was won by Bates this past weekend.

In the opener, Flaherty notched 6 points, 3 boards and 3 steals in just 17 minutes of play. In the final she took control of the game by scoring 16 points while grabbing 6 boards and 4 steals. This was the 2nd straight year that Flaherty took how the MVP award at the Bunyan Classic.

Tough Trip

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and experience for their scoring power, averaging over 4 goals a game. Charlie Engasser, a freshman, has lead the team so far with 8 goals.

Despite these early setbacks, the team has dealt with their difficult schedule with their usual gumption. The 'Cats lost a heartbreaking game, 5-4, against Sienna College, one of the best club teams in the nation. According to defenseman Josh Gowan, "we showed resiliency in coming back against the top team in the Northeast." Despite a second period deficit of 4-0, the team was able to rally to close the game to a one goal deficit.

The team refuses to be disheartened, however. Scott O'Neil, defenseman and team captain told *The Student* "We are playing well, but small mental mistakes are costing us games. It has been a frustrating season so far; however, we are keeping a positive attitude and hope to reverse our fortunes with two wins this weekend." According to Sheridan, "If we stay relatively injury free for the rest of the season, we should have a good chance to win our league."

The team has a home game this weekend, versus Worcester Polytechnic, Sunday at 4pm.

W. Squash

Blazing Start For Bates At Wesleyan Round Robin

by **MATT MEYERS**
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's squash team opened up their season in impressive fashion winning their first four matches of the season this past weekend at the Wesleyan Round Robin. This came on the heels of winning their first two exhibition matches against CBB rivals Bowdoin and Colby.

"I knew we'd probably be able to handle three of the four teams," said Coach John Illig. "But I knew Middlebury would be tough. We were confident though, since we beat them 5-4 at the Howe Cup last season."

In the first match of the round robin, Bates took on Hamilton College and defeated them with ease by the score of 9-0. Bates did not drop a game to the overmatched Continentals and in all nine matches they dropped a total of twenty points. The Hamilton match was simply a warm-up for their next match, which would be their biggest of the weekend against Middlebury.

Last season the Bobcats split two matches with Middlebury so it was clear that this match would be a good barometer for the talent level of their squad this season. Based on the results of that match, things are looking up. The Bobcats defeated the Panthers by a score of 6-3 in what proved to be a thrilling match as three of the matches went to five games. It was in these matches that Bates showed their resiliency as Aisha Shah, Sarah Persing and Jess Greslick each won their five game matches. Greslick's performance was particularly dramatic as she rallied to win the final three games after dropping the first two.

After the Middlebury match, Bates really kicked it into high gear for their final two matches of the weekend. First up was Wesleyan, a team which the Bobcats defeated last season by a score of 7-2. This time, the 'Cats did not even give up

a game as the posted their second shut-out of the weekend. Wesleyan was able to put up a slightly stronger fight than Hamilton, but not by much. Once again, the Bobcats did not drop a game and with the exception of a couple of close games in Shah's match, none of the games were even close.

In the final match of the weekend Bates took on Wellesley College and once again won with ease. Unlike the Hamilton and Wesleyan matches, Bates did drop a match, but it was only one as they defeated Wellesley 8-1. Shah, Persing, Greslick and Maggie Smith each faced a bit of a challenge but they were able to dispatch of their opponents in four games.

Of the nine players on the team, six of them did not drop a match all weekend. Of those six players, four of them are freshmen. The freshmen are Persing, Smith, Jennifer Loring, and Liz Wagoner. The other players who did not drop a match were Shah and Greslick. Wagoner turned in the most dominating performance of the weekend as she lost a measly seven points in her four matches.

The 'Cats will be aided by the return of two players from abroad. Juniors Katie Precarpio and Katie Austin will rejoin the squad next semester. The duo played in the fourth and fifth positions last year so they will clearly add depth as well as what Illig describes as "great team spirit" to the team.

Although there are reasons to be optimistic, Illig wants to be careful not to get too excited about the early season success. "It feels good to have these wins as well as two good players coming back," said Illig. "We are strong and will get stronger but there is a lot of work to be done since the heart of our season is not until January and February."

Bates faces a long hiatus before their next matches. They will next play in the Williams Invitational on January 11th through the 13th.

W. Hockey

Back With A Vengeance:

by **CHARLES ANTIN**
STAFF WRITER

Alright folks, let's get down to brass tacks here. It's 9:15PM and sports editor Matt Meyers has generously given me until 10 o'clock to put together some semblance of an article on the Bates College Women's Ice Hockey Team. Now, I don't want to sell the team short so I've been doing some speed journalism to find out what the team is up to this year. Though this article may be a bit short, have no fear. Fresh off my coverage of Water Polo, I'm ready to tear into some more Bates athletics and I should be back after break: with a vengeance.

Yes, I have gotten some flak about my articles. "They're not really about anything." To this I say Pah! Not about anything? Obviously these people read so much they've forgotten how to do it correctly. I would say caveat emptor, but the paper's free. But back to the team, I must stay on track to keep on Meyers' good side. I spoke to co-captain SooAe Shaneyfelt (co-captain Elizabeth Schlifman was indisposed and unavailable for comment) this evening to try to figure out just what makes a hockey player tick. Coming off a loss to the Bowdoin Senior Women's Team (2 to 1) the heartbroken Shaneyfelt seemed a little sad, but I consoled her. "They're just a bunch of sally-spanking oafs," I fumed. "For God's sake woman, they're not even students at Bowdoin College." At least we can say that for the Bobcat girls; they're all enrolled here.

Anyway, Shaneyfelt seemed to brighten at this comment and let me know what the plebes (my word, not hers) have to look forward to this season.

Though the team is presently 2-2 they're looking to improve that record this weekend with a game on Saturday v. Smith's neophyte team. This game should get them prepped for Sunday's challenge v. Boston University, a team ranked

1st in the ACHA division (Bates is 3rd). Shaneyfelt said she felt more than confident going into these games with Frosh phenom Elizabeth Getzendanner on the ice. Though freshman are generally at the bottom of the ladder in the keg line, Getzendanner is no slouch on the ice—and she shouldn't be, she's been skating for 15 years.

Backing her up in the muscle dept. is Alison Keen ("Yeah, she's a goon," says Shaneyfelt), and Lauren Bonenberger has been scoring at will as a starting forward. And though Shaneyfelt wouldn't admit to it, I have a feeling she ain't exactly Jamaican Jerk Chicken.

But let's keep going, now that we've gotten to brass tacks. What have we learned from

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this mess, other than that hockey players have long, difficult to spell names? Well, we've learned that the team is fired up and ready to go, ready to bring us a long season of fun filled hockey action.

When we get back from break odds are this campus will be under two-and-a-half feet of snow and Seasonal Affective Disorder will have begun to take hold.

Let's face it, no one's out there in mid-January but Drunk-Drivers and Drug-Addicts, not at this latitude. And me, I'd rather take my chances with some good times at the rink than with some yobo on a Gene's cholesterol high. Which is why I'll be at the next game, and you better be too.

M. Indoor Track

Sawler And Hurley Qualify
For Nationals In Openerby MATT MEYERS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bates Men's Indoor Track team had the first meet of their season on Saturday at the Northeastern University Husky Invitational Meet. In this meet held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston, both Jaime Sawler and Greg Hurley provisionally qualified for the NCAA Meet, to be held in March.

In the thirty-five pound weight throw, Jaime Sawler provisionally qualified for the national championship meet with a throw of fifty-three feet, six and one-half inches. Greg Hurley was close behind, throwing for a distance of fifty-two feet, three-quarters inch. In addition to provisionally qualifying for the NCAA meet, both qualified, with their throws, for the Open New England Qualifiers, for the New England Division III Qualifiers, and the ECAC Championships.

Stephen Gresham placed fifth of nineteen runners in the men's five-hundred meter run, as he qualified for the Open New England Qualifiers. He also qualified for the six-hundred meter run at the New England Division III Qualifiers, and the ECAC championships. Gresham finished in a time of 1:06.37.

Andrius Staisiunas placed second of twenty-two in the men's one-mile run. His time of 4:21.15 qualified him for both the New England Division III Qualifiers and the ECAC Championships.

Robbie Gomez qualified for the ECAC Championships in the three-thousand meter run

with his time of 8:59.32. Along with Gomez, nine other Bates athletes ran in the race, all but two of whom set lifetime bests.

"It was a great start for us," said the team's head coach Al Fereshetian. "We had thirty-eight athletes in action with a number still not competing, so this will be the largest team I have ever had... there were many outstanding performances."

In addition to the large number of impressive individual performances, the Bates sixteen-hundred and thirty-two hundred meter relays both qualified for the New England Division III Qualifiers and the ECAC Championships. They finished with times of 3:28.98 and 8:19.78 respectively.

"In all, (it was) an outstanding meet. If we were to score this year's team to last year's... based on the first meet, the score would have been eighty-three to thirty-four in favor of this year's team."

"I am very pleased with how well everyone responded to the competition," said Fereshetian. "But I am particularly pleased with how the new athletes conducted themselves and competed... they responded very well against Division I and II teams. That will really help us out later in the year... We will still be having a number of excellent athletes joining us after break so we should just continue to get better."

The Bobcats' next competition is the Bates Pentathlon, to be held this Friday, December 7. After that, the team will travel to MIT on January 19 to compete against both MIT and Coast Guard.

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Swimming and Diving

Bates Takes 2nd At The
Cardinal Invitationalby AMANDA BECK
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend at the Cardinal Invitational at Wesleyan, both the men's and women's swimming and diving took second place with scores of 911 and 943 respectively. Southern Connecticut State College, a Division II school, swept the meet with 966 points in the men's meet and 1215 points in the women's meet.

"This weekend was very successful," said Coach Dana Mulholland. "Our team was tired from hard training and the four and a half trip the morning of the meet... We were cautious not to overload our athletes with excessive swims and therefore we had fewer entries than Southern Connecticut State which accounts for the scoring."

In the men's division, Senior Andrew O'Donnell won the 100 yard backstroke in a time of 57.26 and also placed third in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:06.24. Fellow senior, diver Andrew Hastings also picked up an individual win with a victory in the 3M with a score of 248.10.

The team also had a strong showing in the relay events, as a team of O'Donnell, first-year Sao Hseng, junior Adam Bowden, and senior Steve Imig won the 400 Medley, while sophomore Todd Bretl anchored the 200 medley team. Also taking first place was the 200 free relay team of Bowden, Bretl, Imig and first year Craig Legault.

On the women's side, rookies Vanessa Williamson and Nicole Sparks led the charge. Williamson won the 200 yard butterfly in a time of 2:00.99, qualifying her for the national NCAA Division III Championships. She also shattered the six-year-old Bates record in the event by more than two seconds, and it currently ranked 2nd in

the nation. In addition, she placed second in both the 200 IM in a time of 2:14.68 and second in the 100 butterfly (1:00.48). Sparks, the team's top individual winner, won 3 freestyle events, the 50 yard (25.07), the 100 (54.69) and the 200 (2:00.30).

"It was a good meet," said sophomore Catie Hinckley. "We had some good swims, especially for this early in the season. The qualifying times are very fast and it is rare to qualify this early."

Both rookies were also a part of three win-

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ning relay teams. In the 200 free relay, Williamson, Sparks, sophomore Jaime Balicki and sophomore Libby McConnell took first. In the 200 and 400 relays, senior Megan Simmons, junior Meg Ferrari, Williamson and Sparks teamed to take first place.

In addition, Nate Curl and Jess Perrie both swam personal records in their events and Ferrari swam her fastest in-season time for the 200 breaststroke. Bates placed four girls in the top eight for the 200 yard backstroke.

"The first-year swimmers made great contributions in the water and have brought a lot of enthusiasm to the team," added Hinckley. "With so many fast swims this early, it looks to be a good year for Bates swimming."

Don't Drop The Ball

by MATT GAGNE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT! When our basketball team is ahead 100-57 with four minutes remaining, stand up! You're supposed to be the Third Half, not an extra 10 minutes of milk and cookies.

The point of the Third Half is to inflict hell. Opposing players should walk off the court with their tails between their legs and crying like an eight-year-old girl who always falls off the jungle gym at recess. I know it's just the beginning of the season, but Bowdoin rolls into town tomorrow night.

The T-shirts are great, but it's not the jersey that makes the player. What we need is some good old-fashioned Maine stuff, like cowbells. Of course, everyone still needs a shirt, including the ladies. Ever dreamed of going on a date with Ramon Garcia, Ed Walker or Billy Hart? All you need to do is wear the shirt and scream 'til the opponent throws up another ugly jumper. Then repeat.

There's a whole checklist of things to do, and sitting home and doing homework ain't one of 'em. First, show up. Second, be loud. Third, get creative. And the list goes on.

We need a big banner telling everyone who we are. Hey, some of the players can't see that well. Just look at the bricks they've been throwing up. We need the mascot. Someone needs to step it up and bring back the 'Cat. I nominate Drew McKenna. (Ladies love Drew). And we really do need cowbells, and, perhaps, an air horn? But most importantly, we've got to turn up the heat.

Organized chants. A loud ruckus. Cheers and jeers. And where's the pep band? You could play a kazoo in Alumni and it'd be like Woodstock all over again. It's time to get our act together. It's time for a packed house, standing room only. Yeah, the Third Half might just have to sit behind the visiting bench. But you'd have to earn it, those seats are reserved for the all-stars. As UNE warmed up for Bates' home opener last week, a few Bates faithful obnoxiously inquired whether or not they were the jayvee team. Although UNE couldn't hold its own against a third-grade jump rope squad, this is the Third Half's strength — controlling the mind game.

But the time has come to elevate our game. Opposing players should feel weak in the knees at the charity stripe — be that little voice inside his head reminding him he has no game. Make it

so bad he calls and cries to his Mama when he gets back to campus. Break his will to ever step foot back in cozy confines of the Third Half furnace.

The Thomas College game was good practice for the Third Half. Of course, Thomas couldn't hit the ocean if the whole team fell out of a boat, and with all their airballs there was more free air than a Mobil station held at gunpoint. But a few suggestions:

1) Instead of the obvious "Travel-Travel-Travel" chant, perhaps try the "Cheater, Cheater, Cheater" routine. It reminds him that he's turned the ball over and let down his teammates, but it shows that he's got less game than an eighty-year-old grandmother in high-heeled Reeboks. Well, sort of.

2) Bust out the wigs and the war paint. Nothing's more intimidating than a drunk kid who still thinks he's at the Halloween dance.

3) Everyone knows the best view in gymnasium is from the bleachers. So when the ref. messes up try to be a little nice about it. Instead of the popular four-letter expletives, I'm a big fan of the old-school chant: "Nuts & Bolts, Nuts & Bolts — WE GOT SCREWED!"

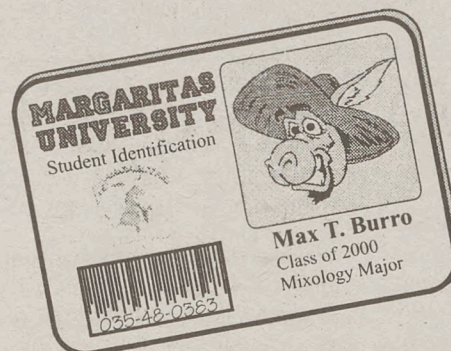
4) When the visiting team is introduced be sure give them a proper Bates' greeting. For instance, Bowdoin's starting point guard (and also the coach's son) is Mark Gilbride. After he's announced, I think he deserves a big, sarcastic, "HI MARK! You have a good game tonight!" But if your potty mouth takes over, well, I'm not your mother.

5) For the first five minutes of every half, get the "DE-FENSE, DE-FENSE!" chant going. And whenever we're losing just stand up and be heard. I'm also a fan of the "winning team-losing team" chant, and be sure to bust out the "Warm up the tractor!" routine whenever possible.

Finally, the Third Half needs a defining characteristic. So far the "Naked Run" chant seems to be the front runner. Whatever works, I guess. But remember, there's a fine line to draw between the do's and don'ts. At a girl's game, for instance, you can't just start chanting "Shamoo! Shamoo!" because a larger girl is driving the lane. But other than that, no blood no foul.

You've got your checklist, but you won't find what you're looking for at the grocery store. Alumni Gymnasium, it's you're one stop shop for 40 insane minutes of in-your-face basketball. Be there.

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W. Indoor Track

Bates Hopes Depth Is Their Key To Success

by KEN WHITNEY
STAFF WRITER

The Bates women's indoor track team is looking very strong this year, according to their coach Carolyn Court. "I'm looking for great strength in the long and middle distance" categories, which will add to a general team depth.

Kelly Puglisi, last year's ECAC champion in the one thousand meter run, is the top returner for Bates' middle distance team. She is looking to improve upon last year's performance.

Julie Dutton and Elizabeth Pagnotta join Puglisi, as these veterans from this year's cross-country team who will contribute their talents in indoor track. Senior Rebecca Hakala, the captain of the women's cross-country team, will also be a force in the middle distance races. New to the team in the middle distance are Penny Christo and Katherine Creswell. Also, Julie Behenna, Ashley Dunham, Kerry McLaughlin, Jessica Otis, Lindsey Kettinger, and Carrie Garber.

Jen Strahle and Liz Wanless look to better their performances from last year. Strahle should be the lead thrower of the twenty-pound weight, and is looking to qualify for the NCAA Championship meet. Wanless is also striving to be an NCAA qualifier. She is the school record holder in the shot put, and is looking to improve upon that mark.

In addition to Strahle, there is great depth in the twenty-pound weight throw. Ann Picard and Tonya "Bam Bam" Taylor return from last year's team; newcomers Karissa Carey and Tiffany Topino will add to the event's depth. Freshman Rahel Wondwossen will also add strength to the throwing events.

In the jumping events, Anya Belanger will look to improve upon her school record in the high jump. Sarah Tressel, a sophomore, and freshman Kristen Dambrie will add depth to this event. Anya Belanger, also competing in the triple jump, should represent Bates well, along with sophomore Lauren Atkinson. Leslie Milk, a freshman, will be expected to further her impressive performance in the long jump.

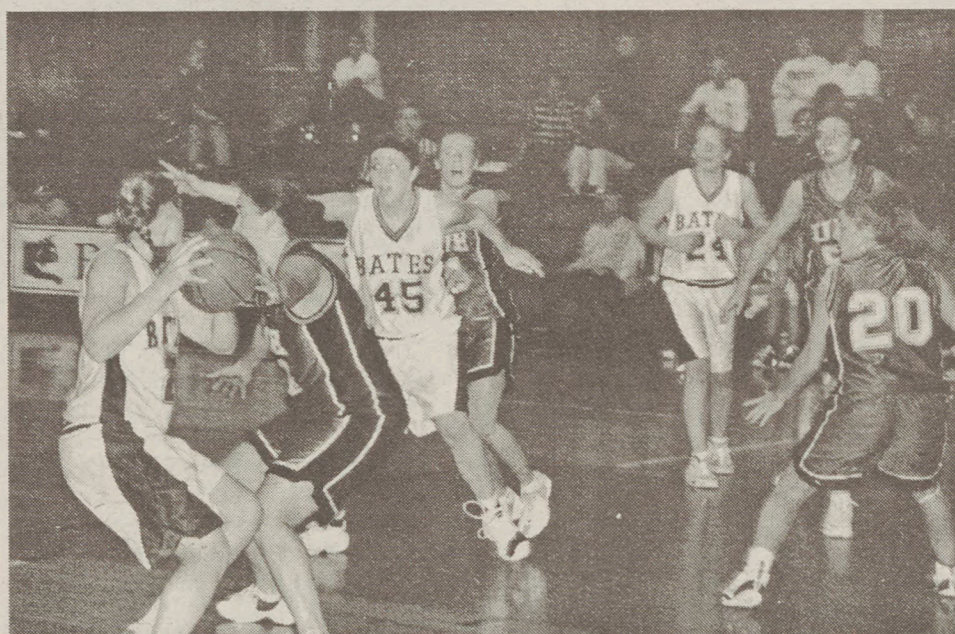
The women's sprinters look very strong, and have the "most depth ever," according to Carolyn Court. Kristen Truncellito is the top returning sprinter for the women's team. Christina Rivard and Laura David will join her. Catherine Crosby will be working to set a new school record in the four hundred meter race.

Later in the season, Court hopes for Leslie Milk, Meg Helms, Jess Caron, and Anya Belanger to be good competitors in the pentathlon.

Coach Court is looking for school records to be broken in both the distance medley relay and the four-by-four hundred-meter relay. In the distance medley, which is composed of legs of four, eight, twelve, and sixteen hundred meters, Bates will have all its runners from last year's record-setting team.

The women's indoor track team is co-hosting the "Dash for Hunger" this weekend, along with the men's team. This event, which is held in conjunction with the Bates Pentathlon meet, helps get children, aged twelve and under, to compete in a track meet. Each participant is encouraged to bring donations of food to contribute to local homeless shelters.

Bobcats Take Paul Bunyan Classic



Kate Dockery tries to feed the ball to Lisa Golobski

Christina Dove/The Bates Student

by TARA DEVITO
STAFF WRITER

As expected, the women's basketball team is well on their way. After a tough opening loss to the University of Southern Maine, the Bobcats have rebounded with three straight wins to put them on a path for success.

With a current record of 3-1 the players are showing dramatic improvement. Murphy commented on the loss to USM in their first game by saying that "although it was disappointing, the team played well and definitely had a chance to

win." He then described their last three games against UNE, Maine, and Husson as "blow outs."

In the UNE game, the Bobcats took care of business early by sinking 20 of their first 25 shots. Olivia Zurek and Katie King who each had thirteen points led the offense along with Lisa Golobski, Kate Dockery, Carla Flaherty and Laura Nafe who each reached double figures.

Last weekend, the women's team played in the Paul Bunyan Tournament at Husson College in Bangor, Maine. There, they defeated Maine-Machias 103-45 in the first round. This was the highest scoring output for women's basketball

since 1999 when they beat UMM 128-42. Sophomore Lauren Dubois scored a team-high 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds on her way to making the All-tournament team. Bates also received ten points apiece from Zurek and Dockery. Through tremendous team defense as well as collaborative teamwork and effort the Bobcats forced Maine-Machias into 36 turnovers, advancing them to the title contest.

The team successfully reclaimed its title as the tournament champions by defeating Husson College 80-55 on Saturday. Bates jumped out to a 43-26 lead at halftime and never looked back. With a game high of 16 points and 4 steals, Flaherty was named the tournament's MVP for the second consecutive year. Nafe was the only other bobcat to reach double figures as she contributed a total of 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Husson was clearly overwhelmed as Bates' infallible defense forced upon them 34 turnovers, opening several offensive opportunities.

A total of 13 out of the 14 players contributed to the high scores of both games. Coach Murphy clearly has confidence in each and every player. Commented Murphy, "we have exceptional depth and will continue to use our bench."

Overall, the team is looking strong. Murphy said, "I am optimistic about our team. I think with more practice opportunities, we will be a difficult team to beat for the remainder of the season." Things will not get easier for the Bobcats as their NESCAC season begins in early January and as we all know, it is an extremely tough conference.

Their next game is scheduled to be away at Thomas College on Wednesday, December 5. Their next home game is not until January 5.

M. Squash

'Cats Clip Cards And Camels En Route To A 3-0 Start

by MATT MEYERS
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's squash team opened up their 2001-2002 campaign in impressive fashion with three victories at the Stanford Invitational, which was played at Harvard University. Stanford, a school from northern California, travels to the East Coast a couple of times a season so that they can play the required number of matches to qualify for nationals and that is why their invitational was played at Harvard.

At this invitational, Bates would square off against Connecticut College, Wesleyan and Stanford. In the opening match, the Bobcats took on Connecticut College, which is not a notoriously strong program and Bates made quick work of them. Bates only dropped two games to Connecticut as they defeated the Camels by a score of 9-0.

The second match of the weekend pitted Bates against the Cardinals of Wesleyan. Over the past couple of years Bates and Wesleyan have been fairly close in ranking so this was a pivotal early season match. Said Coach John Illig "We knew Wesleyan would be tough."

From the outset, it was clear that the match was going to be a dogfight. In the end, Bates had just enough to prevail by a score of 5-4. Although the 'Cats lost four of the top six matches, they swept the seven, eight and nine spots thanks to the play of Alex Wolff, Andy Roberts and Will Adams. Captain Sam Huleatt turned in the most impressive performance of the match. Huleatt was playing in the No. 2 position for the first time in his career and he won all three matches

on the weekend. Against Wesleyan, Huleatt won 9-2, 9-2, 9-2. After the match, Huleatt's father Richard had this to say about his son's performance "That was the best I have ever seen Sam play."

In the final match of the weekend the Bobcats took on the Stanford Cardinals, the hosts of the invitational. Fortunately for Bates, this match more closely resembled the Connecticut match as opposed to the Wesleyan match. Once again, the 'Cats won by a score of 9-0, and once again none of the matches were particularly close. The highlight of this match was the match between the number one players of each team. In that match, Ben Schippers showed why he is playing in the top spot as he dismantled Stanford's number one player in three games.

The Bobcats' performance in their opening matches gives them a lot of reason to be optimistic; however, the teams they faced in their first tournament were not the cream of the crop. "Our true test will be when we play the teams from the Ivy League," commented Illig. "I'm pleased with the way the team is playing. Even the guys who lost matches are playing really well. We just have to make sure we don't get overconfident and that we stay loose and enjoy it."

The 'Cats will also be aided by the return of Eric Lopez and Matt Wu from studying abroad. Lopez and Wu played in the number three and four spots last season and they will add depth to what is an already formidable squad.

Bates will not play again until January 12th at Amherst. Amherst finished just ahead of Bates last season so this will be a huge test for the Bobcats.

M. Hockey

Tough Trip For Bobcats

by DAN NEUMANN
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Bates Men's Hockey team is off to a rocky start, with a 2-4 record. However, since several of those losses are to teams not in the Bobcats' league, playoff hopes remain alive. The season started with an impressive 10-0 victory over Daniel Webster College. The team also beat the Dartmouth College J.V. team 4-1 during its first weekend of play. Since then, the team has suffered due to a poor scheduling - four home games were during Thanksgiving break - and a diminished roster from last year.

Eight players that were expected back have either not returned to Bates or have quit the team because of other commitments. According to Ryan Fitzgerald, goalie and team President, "Of a very strong class of eight first years last season, only three are playing for us this season. Obviously we'd be a better team with those guys, but we have a very strong team this year regardless, and we are capable of beating anybody in the East when we are at our best."

The schedule has also proven an added challenge. Hockey home games can generally draw a reliable crowd, especially on Friday or Saturday night. With four games over Thanksgiving break, the team found itself playing at home with a diminished home advantage. According to Josh Gowan, a senior defenseman, "It's more fun to be playing in front of a large crowd."

The team has relied on a balance of youth

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Dean Gerney To Be Turned To The Dark Side

New Promotion Means She Must "Meet Her Destiny - Or Be Destroyed"

by **BOBA FETT**
SENIOR STAFF FETT

Dean Holly Gurney, who was recently promoted from "Nice Dean To Drink Tea With" (N.D.T.D.T.W.) to "Angry Dean Who Drags Your Ass Before The SCC" (A.D.W.D.Y.A.B.T.S.C.C.) will undergo Insensitivity Training this summer to help prepare her for her new role. The training, to be handled exclusively by Bates College Treasurer Palpatine, most famous for turning Anakin Skywalker to the Dark Side a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. The program will be an intense six-week program.

This program is routinely used on the card ladies in Commons who will now not let you into commons without your Bates ID unless you smile and act innocent. Previously, only a smile was necessary.

President Harwood has high hopes for the program. "We will show Gerney the power of the Dark side. She will

realize that it is her destiny to join us. And the light saber gets 'em every time."

Gerney will be replacing three year A.D.W.D.Y.A.B.T.S.C.C. Darth Peter Traylor, who left before short term to move to Portland and "work with some bogus hippy grass roots bullshit" according to Pres. Harwood. Traylor was a master of the Dark side, pissing off nearly every student he came in contact with at Bates.

As it stands now, Gerney is simply too nice, polite, and considerate to replace Traylor. The hope is that with this training, a new all black wardrobe, and a double bladed light saber, she will become "a lean, mean, Dean machine," according to Harwood.

Traylor also was the slave driver behind a Lewiston High School after school detention alternative, PEAS. PEAS student "volunteers" spent countless hours producing quality concerts for the amusement of Bates students. Prior to a state court intervention for "gross human rights violations," the group brought such memorable acts as Counting Crows, Rustic Overtones, Sonic Death Monkey, and the local High School favorite, Angry Fifteen Year Old Boys With Green Hair And Piercings.

Gerney realizes that she has large shoes to fill. "Clearly, Dean Traylor was a real dick. I'm going to have to work really hard to burn all of the bridges I have



Left: Dean Holly Gerney, Right Dean Peter Traylor. Bates College Treasurer Palpatine will handle the training of Gerney.

worked so hard to build during my time here. But I look forward to the challenge. I think Treasurer Palpatine is going to be a very effective master, I mean teacher."

Treasurer Palpatine is confident in his abilities. "Gerney will turn to the dark side or be destroyed." When asked to elaborate on what Gerney will be facing this summer, Palpatine told *THE SPUDENT*, "First, there is going to be four hours of telling different student organizations what they can and can't do. First off - funding freeze on any Nerf purchases by

the Discordians. Second, telling the R.A. to stop trying to find exercise bikes and focus on its primary purpose, useless resolutions.

In the afternoon, we're going to focus on ignoring student concerns at Chapel Forums and kicking small furry animals."

As was the custom with Dean Traylor, Dean Gerney will now officially be called Darth Gerney. Chief Dean Francine C. Branham and the student body eagerly wait to see the new Darth Gerney this September.

Staimos, Alf To Join ACS Dept

by **DANNY TANNER**
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to increase the appeal of interdisciplinary programs on campus, the American Cultural Studies department has named John Staimos, Alf, and Jack Osborne to their faculty. All will be earning the minimum allowable faculty salary, although Staimos' contract cites a \$25,000 monthly bonus for "every visit to campus by supermodel wife Rebecca Romane-Staimos." However, Staimos stands to be fined a significant, undisclosed amount if any other former castmates from "Full House" come within a mile of campus, especially those Olsen

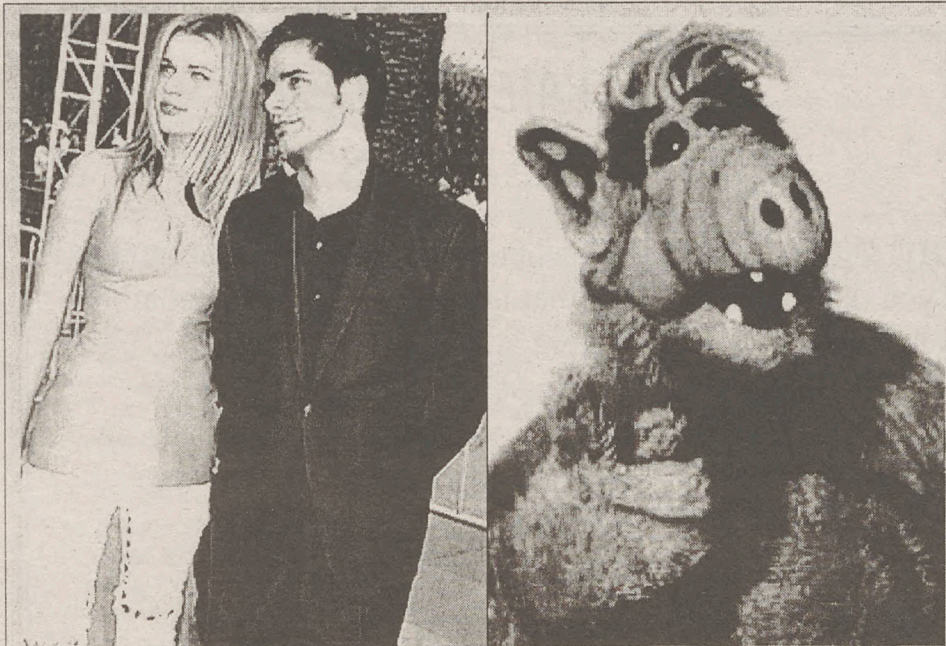
twins. Osborne gains a significant bonus if he can talk his dad, Ozzy Osborne, into playing the Gray Cage this fall.

Staimos will teach classes tentatively titled "A Neo-Structuralist Critique of early 1990s television: Screech vs. Urkel." As well as a senior seminar on "How To Marry A Supermodel Who Is Obviously Out of Your League."

Alf's class, "How To Squeeze Fifteen More Minutes Of Fame" has already been filled. Prof. Alf has already announced a number of guest lectures for the course, including Bates grad David Chok-achi, of "Baywatch" fame.

Osborne's class, "How To Live Off Daddy's Success and Money" has already

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Left, Professor John Staimos with wife Rebecca Romane-Staimos. Right, Professor Alf. Both will be joining the ACS department.

News Flash: Class of 2005 Biggest Group Of Morons In Bates History

by **HEYWOOD JABLOMIE**
STAFF JUNIOR ADVISOR

In a recent Gallup Poll, first-year students at Bates College, a "sort of" prestigious college in Lewiston, Maine, were fingered as the most moronic and most lacking in basic common sense in the school's storied 150 year history.

The survey, which was recently administered to the Class of 2005 of the once intelligent college, was able to quantify one's personal level of idiocy through a demographically unbiased set of questions. Individual responses were then coded, averaged and tested for significance using Tukey's q-test and by several extremely drunk water polo players who analyzed the results for "the dumbass quotient."

The results were staggering, and have alarmed the Dean's staff and Student Conduct Committee on this quiet and progressively stupider campus, although it is unlikely that the Committee will act. For example, on one common sense quantifying item first-years were asked to indicate how likely they were to "rub out a quickie" when their roommate was in the shower. The Class of 2005 responded at a disturbing 69% in the affirmative, with an additional 43% saying that they would attempt to make it a doubleheader. Other responses are even more disturbing.

Spatial skills analyses pointed to a specific inability to discern group size, indicating a disquieting and fucking annoying trend for freshmen to travel in massive herds. Recent analysis by several sociocultural experts indicate that this

effect is exacerbated by drunkenness and is significantly more likely to break up blueslipped upperclass gatherings.

Additionally, it appears that most members of the first-year class fall into the class of "amateur drinkers," as theorized by campus brewmaster Adam Sterno.

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Staff Editorial

END GENDER DISCRIMINATION AT BATES

President-elect Elaine Tuttle Hanson, Dean of Students Franny Celest Branham, Associate Dean Holly Gerney, Housing Coordinator Erin Forster, Health Center Director Christy Tizdale, Security Liaison Chris Quevas, Athletic Director Susasane Coffee, Affirmative Action Director Joanna Lee, Multicultural House Director, Czerny Brazuell, Dean of Faculty Jill Reichk, Assistant Dean of Faculty Liz Toebin, College Chaplain Curley Maloney, Director of Registrar's Office Meredith Bras. Other than comprising the leadership of about 90% of all offices of the college that a student is likely to come in contact with, what do all of these people have in common? Yes, they're all women. And it's no coincidence. The clear gender bias in Bates' hiring process represents nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to de-masculinize the student body. Oh, sure, the powers that be of the college will point to people like Keith Tannenbomb as proof that they are willing to hire a man every once in a while, but tokens are nothing new to this College and they are always careful to bury them. I mean, Keith Tannenbomb has the most useless job on campus! He sits in an office full of toys all day AND he was a college cheerleader. It's sad really. Heck, maybe they saw the cheerleader thing and didn't even to bother to read the name....

The Bates Spudent calls for an end to this blatant gender discrimination. Males at this college will look to their authority figures on campus and see a clear message: From every secretary right up through the new President, it's a woman's world.

But where have all the men gone? Should we believe what we are told when President Donald Harwood, Dean of the College James Carriglan, and Associate Dean Peter Traylor all suddenly announced plans to leave the college after this year? In addition to being an unfriendly work environment for men, it seems quite evident that these men were forced out by the explicit and implicit pressures of the dominant maternalistic culture of Bates College. And just because you can't see it and just because we have no evidence whatsoever to prove its existence doesn't mean that the phallophobic culture isn't live and well. As they say, the proof is in the pudding.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I am a graduating senior and I've got some things to say before I leave. Call it advice. Call it ranting. But this shouldn't take long....

First, I hate hippies. They smell, they're dirty and they really 90% of them have no idea what they are talking about when it comes to issues of globalization and the environment.

Second, Lewiston, Maine is a real cesspool. I mean, this place really sucks.

Third, freshman should not show up in the Village and expect to be given free beer. The truth is, we really don't like you at all.

Fourth, the same thing goes for off campus parties.

Fifth, the amount of dorm damage you cause has been proven to be directly linked to how much of a man you are. Thanks to the crack research staff of Webb and Hacker House.

Sixth, unless you are a moron, you will take at least 4 classes with Professor Caspi and Professor McClendon while at Bates.

Seventh, science majors are for suckers.

Eighth, Mike Visine (a.k.a. Security Mike) REALLY likes his job.

Ninth, if you somehow didn't notice Winter Carnival, you're not the only one.

Tenth, avoid Augustine's at all costs.

Eleventh, it IS ok to cheat the housing lottery. And people who tell you its wrong to do so are just pissed off because you are more creative than they are.

And twelfth and finally, drink beer, guy.

Thank you.

-Joey Bagadonis

Dear Editor:

Hi. My name is Kelly, I'm a first year here at Bates. I was reading *THE SPUDENT* while I was recharging my cell phone, and Oh my god I just got a call, hold on. . . . Ok, I'm back, that was Erica, she lives next door, but she was down the hall and away from IM so she called me on her cell phone because she's got this great Erickson phone that her Daddy bought her with a "Friends" cover and she's got a *ton* of free minutes so sometimes she'll call me from Commons while she's at the salad bar just to chat and see how my day was going. Her phone is awesome because when our parents sent us down to Cancun to celebrate finishing our first three weeks of school over October break, it totally worked in Africa. Cancun is in Africa, right?

Anyway, what was I talking about? Oh yeah, Heywood's article. Mr. Jablomie needs to understand - first years must walk in large groups. It's like this. My friend, Erica, the one with the phone, doesn't like to walk alone to dinner, because she feels sad. So, Jenny and Sara and Katie and Katy and other Katie will walk with her. But then Sally, Vanessa, Elaina, and Kate feel left out, so they have to come too. But then Rick and Jack and Joe and Dave and other Dave, and third floor Dave all feel excluded, so they come along too. So it's not like we meant to travel in a large group. It just kinda happens.

And another thing - oh hang on, another phone call. It's Becky! She's my roommate, but she's downstairs doing her laundry. Gotta go. Bye!

-Kelly :-)

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Crapping On The Toilet I'm Smarter Than You Are



by **Shitman I. Wrote**
Opinion Columnist

I told you I would be back, Bates! And I have an entire yearful of turds-of-knowledge to shit into your eager little mouths. While it has been quite a while since I intellectually defecated, it is important to note that the feces metaphor once again serves a bifurcated function: it represents the general mindset of the average Bates student (as it did last year) and it accurately captures the current and future state of Bates College. Undoubtedly most of you monkeys have heard many a senior say that "this place is going to shit"; sadly this observation is not far from the truth—and that is the primary thrust of this article. So open your mouth wide, little Batesie, and get ready for a lesson from your uncle Shitman.

One significant cause for Bates "going to shit" this year is the current first-year class. As is often the case, seniors and juniors opine about how "this year's freshman class is definitely the worst ever"; however, this statement is unfortunately true this year. Never before has there been an infestation of cell-phone using blond bimbos, stupid party-crashing numbnuts, or vacuous, whiny fuck-heads as there has been this year. No wonder the yield for the class of 2005 was huge, these kids probably did not get accepted anywhere else. One has to wonder what the hell the Admissions Office is doing; at the rate they're going, the class of 2006 will be selected from the reject pool of Colby College. It's a sad day when there is a class so shitty that one is truly afraid for the long-term future of the College, but the class of 2005 meets that standard—way to go guys!

Beyond the pathetic state of this year's freshman class, there is an even more dire reason for the die-hard Bobcat to worry about the future of the College: this year marks the graduation of five crucial members of the Bates community. These five students have single-handedly done *everything* of any importance at Bates; without them, the College will certainly creep further down the shit-slide on which it is currently resting. These seniors could be called "Bates Legends" to recognize their truly impressive accomplishments (for all the feminists, race-crits, postmodernists, and similar-thinking idiots reading this article, you might note that each of the "Legends" is a white-male; this should not be surprising because at Bates, like in the real world, everything of any substantive import is done by a white-male—so get the mindless bitching about hierarchy out of your system now and get ready to marvel at the accomplishments of your social betters). Indeed, it does not seem unreasonable to contend that in the future the College will manufacture a set of "Bates Legends" trading cards so that future Bobcats can reflect on the days when there were actually competent, intelligent students at this pit (this year probably marks the end of the Golden Age of Bates). The remainder of this article pays homage to these legends; their graduation should be mourned as it forecasts the impending collapse of Bates College.

The first "Legend" is certainly the most recognizable student at Bates: Jay Spermakowski, former president of the U.S.A. (Useless Student Assembly). From his very first day at Bates, Jay has been on a crusade of self-promotion in order to ensure that everyone knows who he is. This mission has gone through a number of important stages. First, he worked to gain control of a pointless and trite student organization, the U.S.A. Once he was in charge of the U.S.A., President Spermakowski did his best to brainwash other students into believing that the U.S.A. did

"really important stuff." Luckily for Jay, many students bought into this propaganda and strove to be good citizens of the U.S.A.; however, once he was no longer President, the student body jumped ship from the U.S.A. All that was left was the bloated carcass of an allegedly significant organization. When his student government efforts were finished, Jay decided to focus on creating controversial "art." By splashing gobs of black and red paint around and by randomly photocopying pictures from the Holocaust, Jay was able to convince people that his art was "really good" and had a "good message." Like his U.S.A. project, though, Jay was simply pulling the wool over everyone's eyes by making people believe that the proverbial emperor really was wearing some damn fine clothes Jay's graduation marks a sad day for Bates since it is unclear who will engage in a similar type of unabashed self-promotion once he is gone. The Bates masses need some leader around whom they can huddle; without Spermakowski it is likely that they will have no one to follow and will therefore have to think for themselves—which, given the intellectual abilities of the average Batesie, will be a very bad day for the College.

Mourn the passing of this legend.

The next "Legend" is Irish O'Doherty. Irish has occupied his time at Bates by spearheading the PPP—Pointless Pretentious Press. The publication serves as a forum for Irish's conspiracy theories in which he claims that the College and the world in general is "out to get him." Indeed, similar arguments were heard after Irish spent \$100,000 printing 300 million copies of the PPP with the intention of sending a copy to every person in the United States. Irish claimed that the College and George W. Bush's administration were hampering his right to be a complete jackass by not bankrolling his paper's efforts. He also contended that everyone was biased against him based on his ethnic identity. Irish's graduation is going to negatively impact Bates because it is unclear who will fill his shoes as the campus bitcher. The College is certainly going to stomp on the rights of innocent students like Irish next year; however, without his presence, no one will be around to expose their abuses through "cutting-edge journalism." Moreover, Irish's graduation means that gross-mispending will probably not occur in a student organization, which would remove the motivation for campus liberals to continue to trash campus Republicans.

Mourn the passing of this legend.

The third "Bates Legend" is Slobby Slutman. Slobby is perhaps the most visibly striking of our legends in that he is an eight-and-a-half foot tall skinny kid who happens to be ten years older than even the eldest Bates students. His great height and age are complimented by his strange-ass accent, which he pimps-out as hard as he can. Slobby's primary contributions to the Bates community revolve around the unwarranted compliments Slobby throws around. Slobby is regularly telling people that "you have the most beautiful hair/eyes/smile/body/pair of tits/whatever" and that "you are truly a great person/dancer/athlete/stripper/whatever." Indeed, one wonders whether Slobby has ever met a person he didn't like. Why is the guy so fucking happy? What drugs is he on (and where can this author get some)? Without Slobby, Bates is not going to have anyone who can boost the self-esteem of the campus like he can. This is a problem insofar as 60% of Bates women and 40% of Bates men are already on some type of anti-depressant medication; take away Slobby's compliments, and get ready for the suicides to roll in!

Mourn the passing of this legend.

The penultimate "Legend" goes by the name of Swill 'Buck Wild' Brewster. Swill is a highly accomplished intellectual, as demonstrated by his winning the "Charles A. I'm-better-than-you-are-Shitman Award" and writing a very substantial History Honors Thesis entitled "Lewiston Mills and the Oppression of the Common Mainer by 'The Man': A Study in the Evils of Capitalism and

an Argument for the (re)Construction of a Socialist State." Swill's contributions to the Bates community extend far beyond his academic accomplishments, however. Swill represents the "common man" at Bates. The fellow regularly engages in rather manly actions such as: consuming large quantities of alcohol; urinating on a variety of campus buildings, including Lane Hall (with this author, in fact); watching sports and "Young College Girls Gone Wild" on TV; exuding copious flatulence (although not in other people's bathrooms); and talking mad-frash about bitches-and-hoes with other guys. Without Swill, Bates loses any connection to the pursuits of the common American. Our College is already perceived as a bastion of elitism, out of touch with the interests of regular people; once Swill graduates, no one is left to fill the vast void he leaves—none of the candy-asses here can handle being a "typical guy."

Mourn the passing of this legend.

The last, and greatest, legend is of course yours truly—Shitman I. Wrote. As I posited in this column last year, I am undoubtedly the most intelligent person to ever grace this pathetic campus. As one would expect, I have continued to achieve more than should be humanly possible. I began this year writing a year-long honors thesis in each of the 32 majors at Bates; I ended the year with honors in each major, and I also wrote the longest thesis ever in each major. Of course, it did not require much effort on my part to do this, so I had to devote my great intellect to something else. In my spare time, I applied to every law, medical, business, and graduate school in the country—of course I was accepted to them all! Being the modest person I am, I quickly informed every member of the College of my admission to all of the top programs in the universe (and with full-tuition fellowships at each of them, not surprisingly). Still, I have decided that I will enroll at Harvard next year; I will be getting my MD at Harvard Medical School, my MBA at Harvard Business School, my JD at Harvard Law School, a PhD in Philosophy, a PhD in Neuroscience, and a PhD in Molecular Physics at various graduate divisions of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) at Harvard (I will also be working on a PhD in Architecture at Oxford while I am at Harvard). Why Harvard? Well, the smartest minds in the world have always worn crimson

(no other university has produced any important scholars or citizens...ever), and as I am the smartest person any of you have ever met, it is only logical that I too join the ranks of the most elite school on the planet. Of course, these programs at Harvard are hardly enough to keep an intellectual heavyweight such as myself busy, so I will be entertaining myself by running for the US Senate from my hometown of Bumfuck, Montana and will also be working on a peace treaty between Israel and Palestine—all minor projects for a genius like myself! Beyond these amazing academic accomplishments, I have been working on establishing a number of other records for myself at Bates. As many know, I am never content being second-best at anything, so I permanently enshrined myself in the annals of history as "the most disgusting person ever" at the Suck-It dance and further entrenched my reputation as "the most out-of-shape male at Bates College." My graduation means that Bates loses the only student who ever had the intellectual abilities to understand the material taught here (more so than most professors, I think), and it also means that jealous player-haters will have to find someone else to envy. Sadly, there is no one else who has accomplished enough to be called a "pompous ass" since everyone here is content sitting around with his/her thumb in his/her ass. Once again the loss to the College is great.

Mourn the passing of this legend.

In the final analysis, one thing is crystal clear: Bates College is going to be a pretty pathetic place next year without these five "Legends" around. The members of the class of 2005 have already done an excellent job eroding the quality of our school; this erosion is only going to be exacerbated by the absence of these amazing seniors. If anyone here had a brain in their rotten little skull, people would be on their knees, kissing the fine white asses of these five men. But wait, what am I talking about? Of course no one here has a brain; no one (other than the people in this article) here does anything of any value. In fact, I'm pretty sure no one is even reading this article, and if you are, you should run away as quickly as you can because you are clearly over-qualified for this school (unless you want to be a legend yourself some day). As for the Bates Legends, speaking on behalf of us all: it's been fun, Bates, but we're out of here—fuck y'all!

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No Pictures of
Surdukowski
In A Hot Tub



Sorry ladies, no eye
candy this year....
Yes, yes, we know
he's *man-tastic*....

Gene Clough



Just because...

The
Discordians



Don't lie, they creep
you out too.

New Jersey



If any state deserves a
down arrow, can we all
agree it's New Jersey?

Frozen Room Talk

by Spooky and Mr. Moo
SENIOR STAFF TWINS

The car was packed and we were all set to hit the road. Our destination? Nederland, Colorado. Our purpose? Frozen Dead Guy Days.

We kid you not, Frozen Dead Guy Days are quite real. An annual festival in the little town of Nederland, Frozen Dead Guy Days (or FDGD) have their roots in the 1989 death of a Norwegian farmer, Bredo Morstoel, or as he is known around them parts, Grandpa in the Tuff Shed. Bredo's grandson, Trygve Bauge, had the body packed up with dry ice in a woodshed on his property, in the hope of later re-animating grandpa. A few years later, Trygve ran afoul of the INS and was deported back to Norway. Unfortunately, Trygve's mother, Aud Morstoel, mentioned to a reporter she didn't know how she was going to "take care of the body in the shed."

The word was out and the good people of Nederland were not happy. They quickly passed an ordinance forbidding anyone in town to keep corpses on private property — but Grandpa Bredo was "grandfathered" in under the law, so he remained. Since then, Grandpa's shed has been improved a bit, and he has become more of a celebrity dead than he ever was alive.

Trygve secured the assistance of Delta Tech, a cryogenics corporation, and constructed the world's only do-it-yourself cryogenic life-extension facility. And, well, if you build it, people will come. And they have been. So, the Nederland Chamber of Commerce decided to seize on the opportunity, and established the annual Frozen Dead Guy Days festival. And that was where we were going.

After a few days of travel, we arrived in Nederland. Mr. Moo and I stood agog amidst the thronging masses. We took in the fabulous beauty of this all-American holiday. "What do you want to do?" I asked him.

"All of it."

The first thing one must do, of course, is pay homage to the man himself, so, we secured two tickets on the next available Grandpa Tour. The guide led our small group into the shed and lined us up along the wall. Bredo was looking good for thirteen years on ice. Our guide told us the story of Bredo and his grandson, and then went on to explain how the facility operated. Mr. Moo was clearly not so interested in the technical details and started tapping at the glass partition.

"Excuse me, sir," our guide exclaimed.

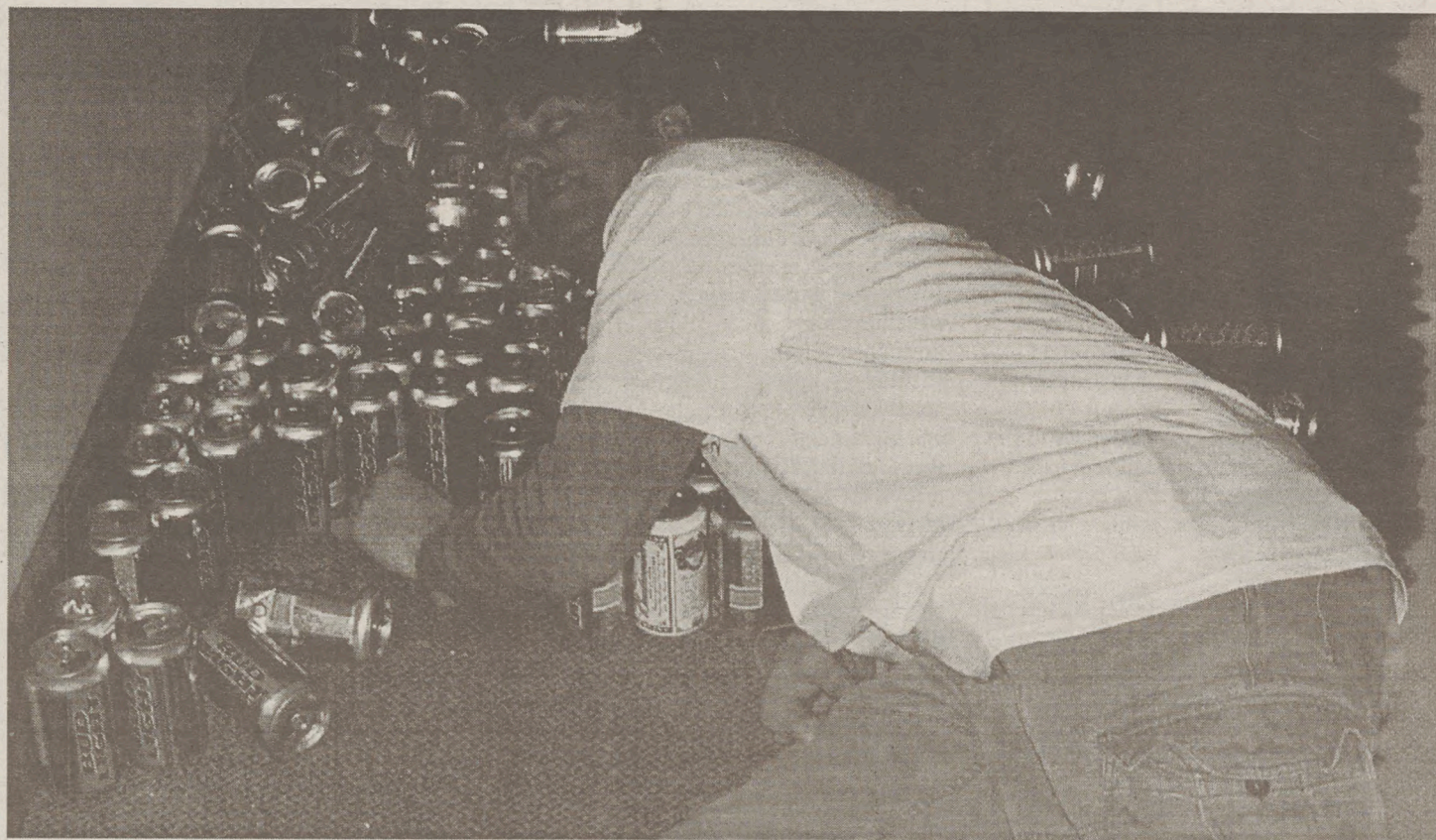
Mr. Moo raised an eyebrow, "Ah, sorry. Sorry. He just looks so real. Sorry, Gramps." He backed up to the wall.

When the tour was over, we strolled down First Street, watching the parade go by.

"You know, Spooky" Mr. Moo said, "Lewiston could use something like this." We got to Chipeta Park, site of Mr. Moo's favorite event, the Coffin Races. We stood at the base of the hill, as coffin-racers plunged down the hill by us. "Next time," Mr. Moo pointed out, "I'm bringing my coffin-car. I want in on this one."

That evening we attended the Grandpa-Look-Alike contest and were shocked at all the highly accurate (and

HE IS THE MAN FROM NANTUCKET



Senior Takes A Nap In New Beer Bed

by Explain This To Your Grandma
STAFF SPOILSPORT

Following a night of study and intellectual debate, this intellectually curious senior fell asleep in the hallway on his new, experimental "bed o' beer."

Prior to going to sleep, this hard working senior, along with his roommates, engaged in some zesty physical activity, involving ping pong balls and a nutritious, carbohydrate intensive drink.

By recycling the containers of this healthy beverage, this senior is helping the environment.

Obviously an upstanding, productive member of society, this student should be a role model for all.

highly disturbing) contestants. One particularly well-festooned character took home first prize — he had surrounded himself with bags of dry ice to create a cold, misting effect. Very clever. After the contest was over, Mr. Moo and I headed over to the local watering hole for a drink.

As we were sitting at the bar, enjoying our liquid refreshment, Mr. Moo turned to me. "You know," he said, "I've

had a great time. I hope we can make it back up next year."

"We should come back. There's something about this place that just gets into your blood. You know?"

"I know what you mean, bro," he took a drink, "You know that old saying. Friends may come and go, but old frozen Norwegian guys are forever."

Write For THE SPUDENT

Interested in writing for us?

TOUGH SHIT!

We don't like you, and you aren't funny.
We're going to the Pub Crawl now.

Digitz

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Random kid who attempted to argue his way into the Spudent with stupid, unfunny article about security. We know funny, and you are not it, guy.

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Weeks into the fall semester before the Representative Assembly crumbles without Jay Surdumakowski to carry it on his back from behind the scenes.

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People who will care that the RA was overthrown by a Dan Dragon led coup d'etat three weeks into fall semester.

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Number of History courses at Bates College which actually study the battles and soldiers of Civil War because, hey, we all knew the War part of the Civil War mostly hype anyway.

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Theoretically a pretty cool sexual position, but not quite as kickass as it looks. Get's distracting; we at THE SPUDENT suggest The Flying Camel.

Musky Archives Give Away Priceless Bates Portrait

Last Known Portrait Of Jebediah Bates Now Hangs In
Denny's Men's Room, Harwood Ripshit

by **ARTHUR DIGBY SELLERS**
SPECIAL TO THE SPUDENT

In a tragic foul up by the often confused Muskie Archives department, the last known portrait of the founder of Bates College, Jebediah Bates, as well as original writings by Bates were given away for free this week.

According to useless Special Collections Director and assistant collator Keith Curse, the writings were simply taking up too much space. "Look, we've got to organize all of the papers of Edwin Musky, okay? Besides, we couldn't find anyone who wanted to keep them on campus."

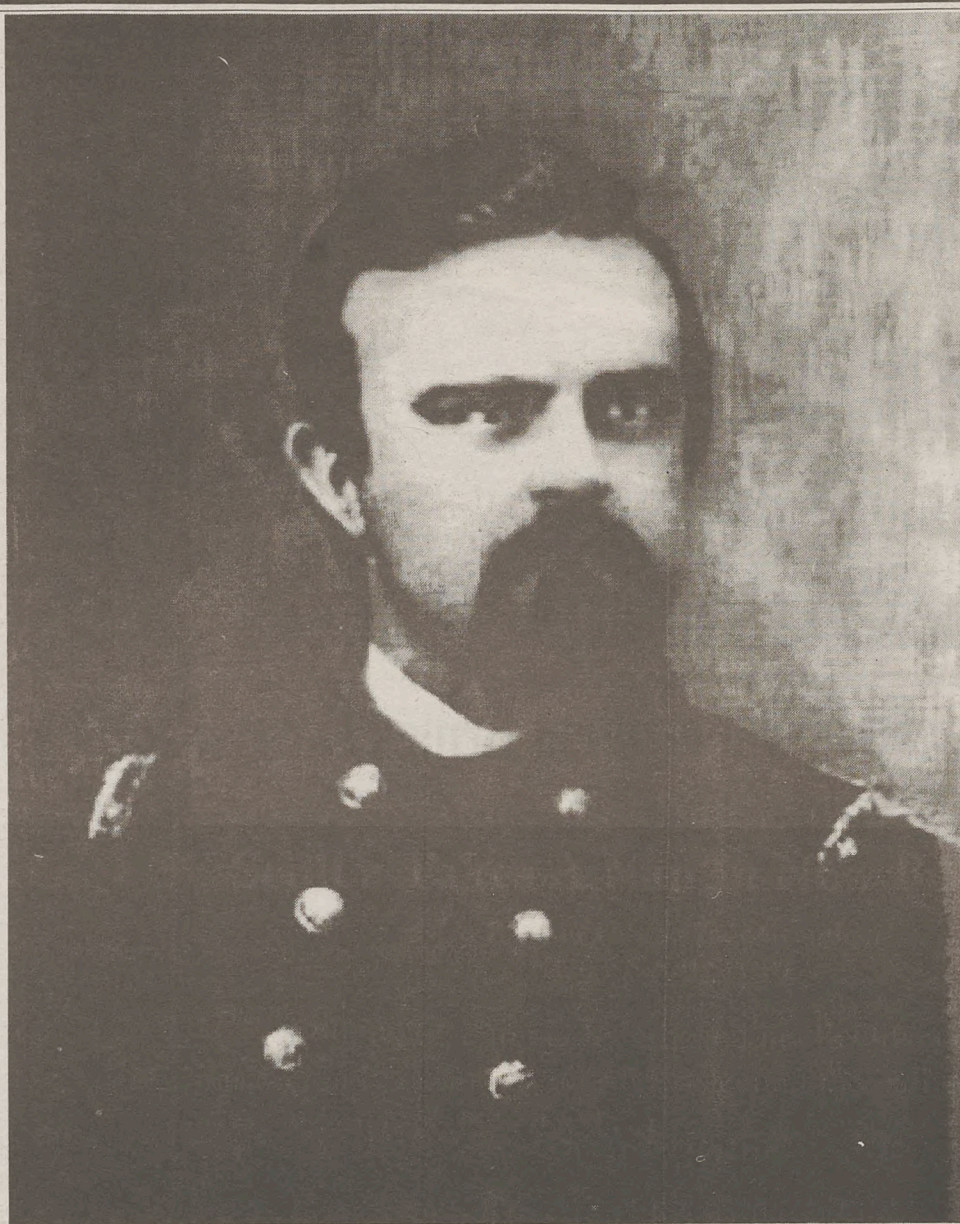
Response from the administration was swift. According to Dean of Faculty Jane Reichk, "this is a disaster. I'm mortified and mystified. I'm shocked and chagrined." Dean Reichk then went back to doing whatever the hell the Dean of Faculty does.

President Harwood was more sharp with his comments. He released a state-

ment to *The Spudent* "What the hell? Do these guys know their ass from a hole in the ground? This kind of thing makes me happy that I'm getting the hell out of Dodge in June."

A slightly disoriented Musky Head Archivist and chief collator Kris "Kristoffersen" Beem, who moonlights as a boring History lecturer, was pleased with the give away. "This will make room for more displays of Musky papers that no one ever comes to visit." Beem then went back to his main job, collating.

The receipient of the portrait, Denny's in Auburn, was thrilled with the acquisition. According to third shift waitress and corporate spokeswoman Daisy Jackson, the portrait, "looks real nice in the men's room. The colors match good with the painting of George Colby Chaste we got from The Archives last year." Jackson is referring, of course, to the portrait of former Bates President George Colby Chaste that the Musky Archives donated last year.



The portrait of Jebediah Xavier Bates, the little publicized founder of Bates College. The painting can now be seen in the Denny's in Auburn.

Faculty Brawl Over Daily Jolt.com

by **partydog21**
dailyjolt Beat Writer

The Daily Jolt Forum, a standard stop for any Bates student looking to procrastinate and slander classmates has gained popularity among professors as well. Unfortunately the popularity of the program created tension at the most recent faculty meeting.

Apparently miffed that he was ranked below Political Science Professor Jim Richler, fellow poli sci professor Jim Bofmann attacked Richler during a faculty meeting Monday. While reports are sketchy, Bofmann apparently screamed "I'm much cuter than you, you bastard!" Several other professors apparently jumped in the fray for both

sides. Psychology Professor Michael Lieutenant, a good friend of Bofmann, picked up a steel folding chair and "went to town" on Richler, breaking "a couple of ribs, a femur, his left forearm, and all of the bones in Richler's right hand." According to Lewiston PD.

Not to be outfought, Richler's wife, Classical and Mid-Evil studies professor Dolores O'Higgins ran into the ruckus and "opened an industrial size can of whoop-ass" on the Bofmann crowd, injuring six before being dragged to the floor by Deans and President Harwood.

Lewiston PD is currently investigating the matter, and the fight is currently being discussed online, you guessed it, on the Daily Jolt.

ACS Department Adds Three C-List Celebs

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been filled. The subject matter apparently has great appeal to many of Bates students.

The signing of the puppet and two C-list celebrities involved complex negotiations. MTV, who currently "owns the rights to Ozborne's soul" demanded significant compensation. To that end, Dean Keith Tannenbalm has joined the cast of "Jackass." Additionally, Political

Science Professor John Boffmann will film both a segment of MTV's *Cribs* and MTV's *Diary Of* series. Boffman told *The Spudent*, "I already bought my 'Scarface' poster for my studio apartment, so I'll fit right in on *Cribs*." Boffman's only statement regarding the upcoming "Diary Of John Boffman" was, "You think you know, but you have NO idea. This is the diary of John Boffman."

Lebowski To MC Baccalaureate

No, not the *other* Lebowski. The Dude. Duder, His Royal Dudeness, El Duderino, if you aren't into the whole brevity thing.

Promises Graduates, "New Shit Has Come To Light"



Above: El Duderino and Walter earlier this year at a roundtable discussion at Harvard Divinity School. Walter will be speaking to the JCC. His talk, dedicated to Vietnam Veterans, is entitled, "Your killing your father, Larry. You're killing your father."

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The Puddle That Refused To Go

Kuppens, Stern Say "Shame On That."



Math Department Brings Excitement, Innovation, Sexism To Classroom

by JOHN NASH
Assistant "Beautiful Mind"

In a departure from standard curriculum, the Bates Department of Mathematics has announced a new option for incoming students next year – Calculus For Party Jokes. The course, tentatively listed as Math 100 will replace the standard two semester calculus requirement for all students wishing to graduate with a B.S. (degree in liberal arts Bull Shit) or a useless degree in Mathematics.

Reaction has been swift. Many of the natural science departments, who often stick unsuspecting and naïve first years into calculus classes, are generally in favor of the new classes. Says one faculty member, "There are only so many mitosis jokes one professor can take. Look, I got a god damn PhD to help create meaningful science like chopping up mice and then measuring their teeth, not listen to jokes about phytoplankton. This will hopefully bring some fresh humor to the department."

Not all reactions have been positive, however. Prof. Kate Markonson, chair of the Girls Studies department was quick to point out the negative effects such a curriculum change can bring. "Women on this campus blah blah blah blah."

When asked what their opinions were of the change in course listings, most premed students replied, "must go study for Cell Hell. No talk now. Cells are my life." The students did say that they were looking forward to a brief summer break before starting biochemistry in the fall.

Many social science professors have been vocal in their mocking of the entire natural science program. "Look at them – they have to do real work!" one political science major was seen laughing as he sat on the quad after getting out of his Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday short term class, "Isms in America, A Casual Look At Political Thought, or Whatever." History students (and professors) asked to comment were unavailable, as they were all at the Goose.

Proof that girls are evil.

First we state that girls require time and money.

$$\text{Girls} = \text{Time} \times \text{Money}$$

And as we all know "time is money."

$$\text{Time} = \text{Money}$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Girls} = \text{Money} \times \text{Money} = (\text{Money})^2$$

And because "money is the root of all evil":

$$\text{Money} = \sqrt{\text{Evil}}$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Girls} = (\sqrt{\text{Evil}})^2$$

And we are forced to conclude that:

$$\text{Girls} = \text{Evil}$$

News In Brief

Mike and John Upset At Joe

Mike and John are upset at Joe. Ever since Joe started dating Jess, he just hasn't been spending enough time with "the boys," according to Mike. John adds, "yeah man, he didn't even come over to watch the playoffs last night - he went over to Jess's to watch 'When Harry Met Sally.'"

The distraught friends do note that Jess is "majorly hot," but feel that she is approaching "Yoko status." Stay tuned for further developments.

Tannenbomb Changes Name To "Windu-bomb"

After seeing Star Wars, Episode II eight times this past week, Dean Keith Tannenbomb has officially changed his name to "Windu-bomb" this week. Justifying the change by saying, "Attack of the Clones was the coolest movie ever - and Mace Windu was the coolest Jedi ever." Windu-bomb plans to wear his new Jedi costume to faculty meetings starting in September.

Harwood Gets Strike

Saturday night, President Donald Harwood received the first alcohol strike of his Bates career. The Don was hosting an illegal keg party when security raided the gathering. Harwood attempted to hide in a bathroom, but was found by Security officers.

Poland Springs Debuts New Vegan Water

Don't worry, thirsty vegans! Poland Springs has just announced a new product, hitting stores this June: Vegan water. The water, which is guaranteed to have avoided contact with any animal products and was raised on a pure soy diet, will sell for \$8 for 12 ounces. Memorial Commons and the Physical Plant have already pledged to switch all Bates plumbing to the vegan water by September. Tuition is expected to top \$74,000 next year.

First Years Suck, New Study Definitively Proves

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Results show that, upon consumption of 5 to 6 beers, first-years enter a dissociative state, rolling around on the ground like a bunch of coked-up chimpanzees, kicking in walls like it's their job, and even committing dangerous crimes such as arson and trying to drink their own piss. But most terrifying are the results of intelligence testing.

Dr. Eli McDildo noted that, on a median basis, the average student in the class of 2005 appears to be dumber than any legally drunk New York taxi driver, lobotomy case, and even most household cleaning appliances. According to Dr. McDildo, "you could jam two packages of Drano up your ass and then drink several quarts of floor wax, and you would very likely far exceed any mental capacity that these students hold."

McDildo ventures further in his analysis, saying, "I mean, these people are pretty moronic. We even saw one male student write 'Yes please!' next to the respondent Sex denoting question. Jesus, no one thinks that joke is funny!"

But no one on the Bates campus appeared surprised by these results. A brief poll by this reporter found that the majority (45%) of upperclassmen score in the "utter loathing" category when responding to a feeling thermometer toward first-years, while 43% believed that natural selection should be implemented on the Bates campus. According to senior Skipp Imig, "if I see one more first year thinking he's the shit because he just got his first pubes and is drunk for the first time and decides to try to create a hole in the wall bigger than the Grand Canyon, I think that I might try to castrate him."

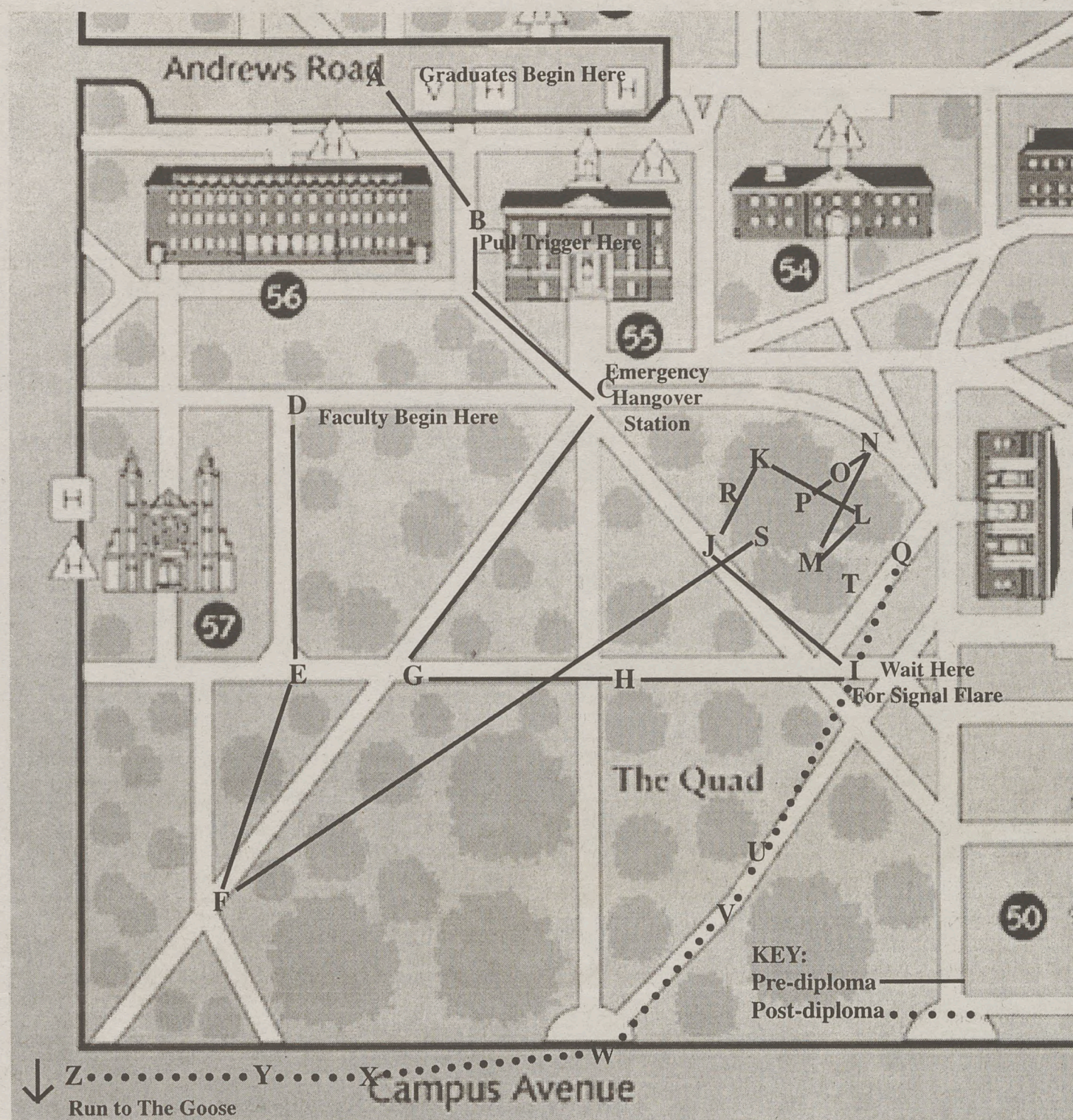
Analysis of campus records shows that the dumbing-down trend is no fluke. The differences in GPA are staggering, with the mean GPA for sophomores, juniors, and seniors at 3.2, and first-years at an abysmal .4. One professor, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "When I teach a first-year, I try to pretend that I'm lecturing to a baked potato, so I can be as fair as possible. But, sometimes I overestimate."

It appears that the drift toward idiocy and a general embarrassment on the school's part is localized in certain areas on campus. McDildo found that "moron cells" exist in Smith South, Parker Second Floor, Smith North, and Page Third Floor. The acclaimed researcher did not mention names, but states, "we all know who you are, and rest assured, no one likes you."

Upon hearing of these results, Bates College administrators asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to create a profile of the average Bates first-year to allow for more productive rounding up and re-education. The Bureau crashed 17 computers and lost 4 top-notch researchers to insanity before completion, but came up with a broad, gender-neutral profile. They state: "The average Bates first-year appears to be more fundamentally irritating than having alligator clips pushing a 9V current through your nipples, more racist than the Representative Assembly, more asinine than the Ohio State offensive front line, and more prone to drunken idiocy than kids who used to live in the Bill." An utterly ghastly and chromosome-lowering stupidity machine.

Bates administrators have opened discussion on how to combat this disturbing trend, but no action has been taken as yet.

Official Marching Instructions Released For Seniors



A. Assemble at Andrews Road, A-L alphabetically, M-Z reverse alphabetical, Stern-dogg will lead the entire procession.

B. Last chance to pull the trigger out of view from parents, post Midnight Madness.

C. Emergency Hangover station, at this point first half of alphabet should be alphabetical, second half should be contra-alphabetical, Stern-Dogg should be passed out.

D. Faculty Line Up Here in reverse seniority by department, Proceed to Point E, change order to seniority, irrelevant of department, then Point F. Seniors march to G, then H, and wait at I. for further instructions.

Once Signal flare has been launched, proceed to J. Seniors must then moonwalk to K, L, M, N, O, and P. Procession of faculty will then follow along same route, in reverse seniority. However, at point M, processional group steps back to allow PLATFORM GROUP to the platform. Seniors then wag the dog, skin the cat, and milk the cows, and then sit in alphabetical order.

After Diploma Ceremony: Graduates recess along the following route: Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z. Graduates Proceed Directly To The Goose, in Reverse Alphabetical Order. Faculty, by seniority, alphabetically by department, go to Pub 33. Department Chairs get first dibs on pool tables.

Get Ready For the 50 Yard War, Bobcats

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and the pace of play is fast and furious. "To be honest with you, I'm pretty pleased about the change," commented sophomore wider receiver Owan Mehe. "I think my game is more suited for the indoor style. I'm hoping to take home the Warner." The Warner is the IAFA's answer to the Heisman as it is named after Arena football's most famous player, Kurt Warner. Not all the players are as pleased as Mehe. "I'm pretty disappointed," said running back Shawn Aikens. "They hardly run in Arena football, I'm barely gonna touch the ball." Other players have expressed dismay about the change, citing a fear of being seen as pariahs in the college football community.

In order to see this plan come to fruition, Bates will break ground on a 10,000 seat indoor arena to be placed where the football field currently is. The building will be known as the Coolie Center in honor of Bates legend Jay Coolie. "Historic Garcelon my ass," commented Harwood. "Who the hell knows who this Garcelon person was anyway? Maybe Surikawski does, but it sounds made up to me." The new facility will most certainly cause a stir as it will cost an estimated \$3 million dollars. Protesters have already been picketing this

expense which will certainly take away from funding in other areas. "I'm leaving, so what the hell do I care?" noted Harwood. "Besides, what else were we gonna spend that money on, more chai? New squash courts? Yeah right, you and I both know that new squash courts are about as likely as Will Koghlan getting laid.

Another concern about the change is that it may become even more difficult to draw talented football recruits as all high school players will be used to playing the more traditional style. Not to worry says Coach Marc Harrimen. "We've really started recruiting hard, we already have some commitments from some Division I talent." One of these commitments is a 6'5" 325 behemoth named James "No Neck" Thomas. "Bates was an easy choice," said Thomas. "Sure I could've gone to Michigan or FSU, but how could I pass up the chance to break ground on a new program? Also, the Bates gym bag filled with ten grand that showed up at my door was a nice bonus. Oops, did I say that out loud?"

Like it or not, the indoor game is coming to Bates and on September 18th Oberlin is coming to down. The Coolie Center will be rocking.

SPUDENT Exclusive: President Hanson Mother Of Annoying Pop Trio

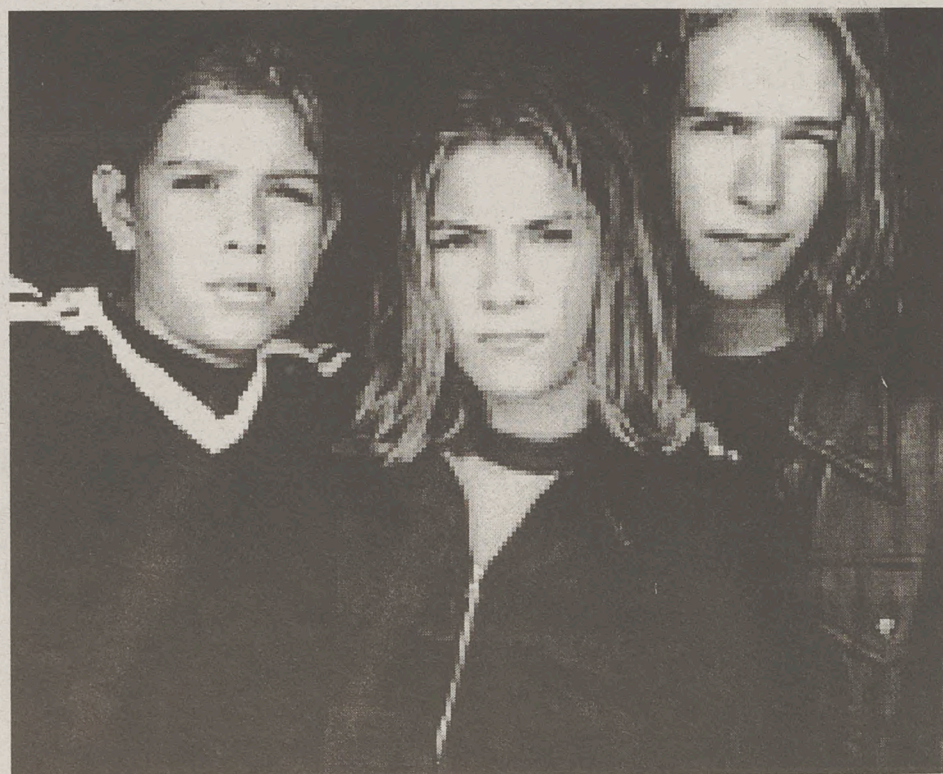
by Kurt Loder
STAFF WRITER

In a shocking revelation yesterday, President Elaine Tetley Hanson revealed that she was, in fact, the mother of one of the most annoying pop trios ever created.

"It's true, it's true," A tearful Hanson told reporters at a press conference. "It was the worst mistake of my life. But I do have normal children!"

Not all reaction was negative. While a Chapel Forum was scheduled to deal with student concerns, Dean of Students Tom Sawyer was seen singing "mmm Bop" over and over again in Lane Hall.

Assistant Dean Keith Tannenbomb wanted to know if they were looking for new members, and Housing Coordinator Erin Forester-Zraga and several female students described the trio as "delicious."



BOBCAT OF THE WEEK

Jay Surdumakowski
PE Requirement
Completion

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A Distant
Relative Of
Earl.

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LEWISTON, MAINE

New Next Fall: Arena Football Comes To Bates

by Karl Hungus
SENIOR STAFF LOG JAMMER

The times they are a changing. In a move that is sure to rock the campus, the administration has decided to eliminate the football program, sort of. Why "sort of?" Well there will still be football played, it will just be of a different sort. Starting in 2002 the Bobcats will be apart of the fledgling Intercollegiate Arena Football Association (IAFA).

The IAFA was started as away for colleges with less than stellar football histories to get their programs to have some success on the football field. The other schools that will be included in this league will be Oberlin, Hamilton, Swarthmore, Connecticut College and Haverford. Swarthmore abandoned its football program last year but was eager to join the IAFA. "We have had our troubles in the past with the pigskin," said Swarthmore President Peter North. "Now we are ready to kick some fucking ass in the indoor game." Conn College and Haverford previously did not have football programs.

"The decision was pretty simple," said Bates president Donny Harwood. "Our football team has been pretty whack in the past and now we have a chance to change all that. Plus I wanted to have one more chance to piss off some jocks at this school. This will be my true legacy."

Arena football, a.k.a. "The 50-yard indoor war" is played indoors on a 50-yard field. You only get three downs

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It's Official, Equestrian Is Not A Sport For The Riders

by ROBYN KENT
EXECUTIVE SPUDENT EDITOR

The International Olympic Committee, in cooperation with the NFL, MLB, and NBA decided that Equestrian is not a sport. There was a reaction from the Bates Equestrian team, but we don't really care.

The decision was based on several points. First, the riders don't really do anything, except hang on for dear life and wear silly hats and boots. Clearly, this has nothing to do with athletics.

Second, the idea of requiring judging to allot a score eliminates it from the list of sports. This criterion also eliminates figure skating (duh), some useless Olympic skiing events, and gymnastics (thank god).

The announcement settles an age old debate between riders and rational, thinking human beings.

Bobcat On Injured Reserve For Limp Wrist



Our Injured Mascot, Earl. The right wrist is the key problem area.

by REX VAUGHN
STAFF WRITER

He wasn't waving goodbye. And he wasn't saying, "Oh, knock it off ssilly!" But Earl, Bates' limp-wristed mascot, was found flogging the dolphin, choking the chicken, working the purple yogurt-slinger — a.k.a., beating off.

Once feared by all, Earl publicly announced Tuesday that he is no longer the savage he used to be. Reports have confirmed that Earl is a chronic masturbator, and that he enjoys petting the one-eyed snake six to seven times a day. This appears to be why his wrist is limp and why no Bates team is feared in NESCAC competition.

Dr. Joe from Maine Medical confirmed reports, saying that masturbation not only leads to blindness, but can also have severe side effects on local muscles and the circulatory system at large.

"As you can see," Dr. Joe told reporters at a press conference late Tuesday afternoon, "Earl suffers from fatigued muscle-itis near the wrist joint. This happens for three reasons. First, he never gets laid. Second, he masturbates to keep pace with his sex drive. And third,

his technique is wrong. Instead of using a smooth stroke, he rushes and puts too much stress on the wrist and elbow joints. It's kind of like a fat kid playing with Pipe Works. Also, his use of a technique called 'the stranger' has damaged the circulatory system. He sits on his right paw until it goes numb, then rubs one out, so it feels like someone else is doing it."

Dr. Joe carefully explained his finding to reporters, displaying diagrams and carefully using an overripe cucumber as a hands-on tutorial. He noted that many of the males at Bates are prone to the same injury, but that alcohol and 3 a.m. pizza helps to take the edge off what Dr. Joe called "the saddest thing he's ever seen when it comes to girls being afraid of a little rug burn."

"Earl has turned an ugly shade of garnet," Dr. Joe continued. "This is due to slower blood flow throughout the entire body caused by the weakened joints and crushed blood vessels."

If it's tough being green, it's even worse being garnet. After realizing its mascot was no longer tough but more of a schoolgirl pussy, the Bates community found itself in shock early Wednesday morning.

"We are stricken with grief," a Bates

official said. "Earl has been a staple in our community for years. He is a part of our family and we will be there for him in whatever capacity."

The same official noted potential solutions for Earl's disability.

"We considered buying him a prostitute," the official said. "But we are looking into more long term solutions. We've checked the classifieds, looked into a lobotomy, and even considered a blow-up doll. But we might just have to chop off his balls."

Students had long thought something was wrong with their mascot, but were too busy fighting hopeless causes to deal with their own community.

"I'm shocked," said a sophomore frisbee player. "Earl and I have been great friends during my time at Bates. But I've been so busy fighting hunger and protesting that I missed out on a chance to help my friend."

An anonymous field hockey player shared the same sentiment.

"All I had to do was put out, just once, but I've been selfish," the player said. "This whole time I've been trying to sneak beer onto the bus, and Earl just goes home and beats off. One blow job, one hummer, even a hand job, it could've saved his career."

School officials have considered replacing Earl with something closer to the college's image, but unicorns, beached whales and world peace were all taken by schools in the Mid-West.

"We just might have to live with this mascot," a Bates coach said. "Our teams will probably suck forever, but I don't think it's all Earl's fault. Other teams have a White Mule and a Polar Bear for mascots, and they still kick our ass. I think the problem lies elsewhere."

When asked how the school would respond if the male population started walking around with their fingers flapping in the wind due to a wide-spread dry-spell crisis, the same official noted that Nurse Betty has been put on alert in the Health Center. He also noted, however, that chances of such a crisis were minimal.

"The way we see it," the official said, "there is no problem. Most of the feminists on campus have taken care of the ball-chopping already."

Attempts to reach Earl for comment were futile. Apparently he was "taking a shower" before heading off to experimental Short Term class, "How to Use Your Left Hand and How to Survive: Life at Bates."

Top Ten New Things Wrong With Bates Athletics

From the Home Office in Lewiston, Maine By M.Lo

- 10) Rowing is the top story on Bates website. For two weeks.
- 9) Grey Cage typically smells like a sandbox. Merril Gym actually is a sandbox.
- 8) If a team loses all its games, its considered a solid year.
- 7) Just 3 treadmills on whole cam-

- pus. Maybe that's why people say the girls are so...
- 6) Ryan Nadeau's IM softball all star effort of 6 errors is a career best.
- 5) Ryan Nadeau was actually an IM all star.
- 4) The most creative name for our basketball gym is Alumni.

- 3) Student body of 1800 considers it a winning weekend if they win a game of beruit
- 2) Nalgene bottles & frisbee's outnumber football fans. 1800 to 1.
- 1) Our school color is still garnet and our mascot still has a limp wrist.